

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

MINUTES

December 13, 2023

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton (the "Board") conducted a workshop meeting on this date at 6:00 p.m. The following persons participated in person or via computer: Mayor Robert J. Alt; Commissioners Jean A. Broomell, Charles H. Givens, Sr., Robert M. Massimiano and Earl M. Piner, Sr.; Town Administrator Lewis H. George, Jr.; Director of Building & Zoning Charles A. Bromwell; Director of Public Works J. Daniel Handley, PE; Public Works Logistics Coordinator Bryan MacQueen; Chief of Police Carolyn Rogers; Assistant Town Administrator L. Michelle Henson; and Town Attorney John P. Downs, Esquire.

Mayor Alt called the workshop meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion - Republic Services Update

Mr. Handley reported that data from Republic Services indicated increased participation in recycling.

Mr. MacQueen stated Public Works will continue public education regarding recycling and other services provided by Republic.

Request for Waiver of Alcohol Prohibition - Downtown Car Show May 17, 2024

Mayor Alt stated the Elkton Alliance requested a Waiver of Alcohol Prohibition for the Downtown Car Show on May 17, 2024.

ACTION: The request for a Waiver of Alcohol Prohibition for the Downtown Car Show on May 17, 2024 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Massimiano. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Givens and approved by all present.

Proclamation P66-2023 Citizen Appreciation - Ms. Sheilagh Weinert

Mayor Alt presented Proclamation P66-2023 to Ms. Sheilagh Weinert, recognizing her commitment to community service.

Discussion - Resident Concerns Regarding Well House #4

Mayor Alt stated residents near the Well House #4 site expressed concerns regarding their water supply once Well #4 is placed online.

Ms. Elizabeth Lucas stated that Well #4 will draw from the same aquifer from which hers and her neighbors' water is drawn, and expressed concerns that those wells will be negatively impacted. She noted that a previous aquifer test affected neighbors' wells.

Mr. George stated that the previous test to which Ms. Lucas referred resulted in the Town replacing a residential well.

Mr. George stated that the previous test was required by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to assess the maximum draw on the aquifer, adding that Well #4 will not be operated at that level of withdrawal, adding that neighboring wells will be monitored. He added that the Town is adding an interconnection with Artesian water at Route 40, which can be utilized to supply water to the Southfields development, which will offset withdrawal from Well #4.

Mayor Alt queried the outcome if Well #4 affected neighboring wells. Mr. George stated MDE would order Well #4 shut down and halt withdrawal if neighboring wells are negatively impacted.

Ms. Lucas questioned the process if she were to lose water service. Mayor Alt stated the Town would be obligated to provide her with water.

Ms. Lucas stated she and her neighbors do not want to be connected to the Town's water supply.

Ms. Lucas expressed concerns regarding the quality of hotels that are planned for the Southfields development.

Ms. Lucas expressed support for the planned SportsPlex at Southfields, added that she does not want retail development near her home.

Ms. Lucas expressed concerns regarding congestion on areas roads and overcrowding of schools.

Mr. Lawrence Scott expressed concerns regarding development of the area adjacent to the Elk River, stating the area has steep slopes, woodlands and streams.

Mr. Scott expressed concerns regarding parking on Frenchtown Road after the SportsPlex is developed.

Mr. Gary Collins expressed concerns regarding parking for the planned SportsPlex.

Mr. Collins expressed concerns regarding his and his neighbors' water supply.

Motion for a Closed Meeting

ACTION: Pursuant to State Government Statutory Authority to Close Session, General Provisions Article, §3-305(b) (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter; Commissioner Givens made a motion for a Closed Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Broomell and approved by all present.

Mayor Alt announced that the Public Meeting will not reconvene.

Hearing no additional business to come before the Board, Mayor Alt adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

L. Michelle Henson
Assistant Town Administrator

A VIDEO RECORDING OF THIS MEETING RETAINED AT THE ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE

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