

# The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

MINUTES  
January 2, 2014

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton (the "Board") held their first regularly scheduled meeting in January on this date at 7:00 p.m. The following persons were present: Mayor Joseph L. Fisona; Commissioners Charles H. Givens, Sr.; Charles E. Hicks, V; Mary Jo Jablonski and Earl M. Piner, Sr.; Town Administrator Lewis H. George, Jr.; Finance Director Steven H. Repole; Administration Office Secretary L. Michelle Henson and Town Attorney H. Norman Wilson, Jr., Esquire.

Mayor Fisona called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Notice of Closed Meeting**

On Wednesday December 18, 2013, at 7:21 p.m., during a regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton (the "Board"), a Closed Meeting was requested and approved by all present pursuant to State Government Article § 10-508 to discuss (1) (ii) any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals. Attendance: Mayor Joseph Fisona; Commissioners Charles H. Givens, Sr., Mary Jo Jablonski and Earl M. Piner, Sr.; Town Administrator Lewis H. George, Jr.; Administration Office Secretary L. Michelle Henson and Town Attorney H. Norman Wilson. The purpose of closing the Public Meeting was to protect the confidentiality of specific employees.

**ACTION:** The minutes of the December 18, 2013 meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jablonski. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present with no corrections or amendments.

**ACTION:** The financial report and the bills submitted for payment were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hicks and approved by all present.

## **Town Administrator's Report Resolution R1-2014 Mayors Drug Task Force**

Mr. George presented Resolution R1-2014 Mayors Drug Task Force for approval. He stated the purpose of Resolution R1-2014 was to recognize and support the newly created Mayors Drug Task Force. He read and placed a copy of Resolution R1-2014 into the record of the minutes, saying a copy would be sent to Governor Martin O'Malley.

Commissioner Givens questioned what the goals of the Mayors Drug Task Force were in sending Resolution R1-2014 to Governor O'Malley. Mayor Fisona stated

Governor O'Malley, on a recent trip to Cecil County, pledged support and funding for a Rehabilitation Center.

Commissioner Jablonski stated she, as Executive Director of the Cecil County Boys & Girls Club, wrote a letter to Governor O'Malley requesting assistance in the fight against illegal drugs.

#### **Mayor Fisona's Report**

Mayor Fisona wished all in attendance a Happy New Year.

#### **Commissioner Jablonski's Report**

Commissioner Jablonski wished all in attendance a Happy New Year.

#### **Commissioner Givens' Report**

Commissioner Givens, referring to parking issues in the Buttonwoods neighborhood, asked Mr. George to address residents with a request to be courteous of each other when parking near their homes.

#### **Commissioner Hicks' Report**

Commissioner Hicks, referring to a recent situation in which a group utilized a meeting room at the County Administration Building, requested that the County contact the Board prior to such a meeting taking place. He stated the reason for his request was that while the event took place at the County facility, it was still associated with the Town of Elkton. He stated it was important to maintain a positive impression of the Town of Elkton, adding that perception was reality, and being the County seat, events that take place in Elkton that may have a social or economic impact on the town should include the Board's input. He asked that a document be put in place for the County to notify the Town of such events.

Commissioners Givens and Piner agreed with Commissioner Hicks' statements, stating it was important to protect the public's perception of Elkton.

Commissioner Piner stated banks prohibited people from walking in wearing hoods or covers over their faces, stating that public buildings should adopt the same policy. Commissioner Hicks agreed with Commissioner Piner's statement.

Mr. Wilson stated he agreed with the Board's comments, adding that the County had no choice but to permit the group to meet at the facility.

Commissioner Jablonski commended the local press for focusing on Christmas celebrations in the County, adding that the group that met at the County facility was looking for publicity.

Mayor Fisona concurred with the Board's comments, adding that government officials had a duty to protect free speech.

Hearing no additional business to come before the Board, Mayor Fisona requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**ACTION:** The request to adjourn the meeting was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

Mayor Fisona adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

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L. Michelle Henson  
Administration Office Secretary

AN AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDING OF THIS MEETING RETAINED AT THE  
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Note: The minutes of regularly scheduled public meetings conducted by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton, following their approval, are posted at [www.elkton.org](http://www.elkton.org). The minutes, in hard copy format, are retained indefinitely by the Town of Elkton, Administration Office, 100 Railroad Avenue, Elkton, Maryland 21921.