

## The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

### MINUTES

March 6, 2013

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton (the “Board”) held their first regularly scheduled meeting in March on this date at 4:00 p.m. The following persons were present: Mayor Joseph L. Fisona; Commissioners Charles E. Hicks, V; Charles H. Givens, Sr.; Mary Jo Jablonski; and Earl M. Piner, Sr.; Town Administrator Lewis H. George, Jr.; Finance Director Steven H. Repole; Elkton Police Chief William E. Ryan; 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.

Mayor Fisona announced the meeting was being held at 4:00 p.m. due to the threat of winter weather later in the evening.

### Notice of Closed Meeting

On Wednesday, February 20, 2013, at 8:08 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 (a) to (9) to conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations. Attendance: Mayor Joseph 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; Town of Elkton Police Chief William E. Ryan; Administration Office Secretary L. Michelle Henson and Town Attorney H. Norman Wilson.

**ACTION:** The minutes of the February 20, 2013 meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski 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 Jablonski. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hicks and approved by all present.

### Town Administrator’s Report

**Request for Alcohol Prohibition Waiver – Elkton Alliance – Citizen of the Year Banquet – March 21, 2013**

Mr. George presented a request from the Elkton Alliance for an Alcohol Waiver Permit for the Citizen of the Year Banquet, scheduled for March 21, 2013.

**ACTION:** The request by the Elkton Alliance for an Alcohol Waiver Permit for the Citizen of the Year Banquet on March 21, 2013 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hicks. Commissioner Jablonski abstained from voting. The record of the vote is as follows:

Mayor Fisona: Aye

Commissioner Givens: Motion

Commissioner Hicks: Second

Commissioner Jablonski: Abstained

Commissioner Piner: Aye

### **Elkton Police FOP Collective Bargaining Agreement–Presented for Approval**

Mr. George presented the Elkton Police FOP Collective Bargaining Agreement for approval. He stated the proposed agreement including an extension of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement to 2014, a correction to the Consumer Price Index metropolitan location upon which cost of living adjustments are based for Fiscal Years 2014 and 2016.

**ACTION:** The Elkton Police FOP Collective Bargaining was approved on motion made by Commissioner Jablonski. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

FOP President Officer Jeremy Fuller executed the document with Mayor Fisona.

### **Resolution R1-2013 – PNC Bank Loan**

Mr. George presented Resolution R1-2013 – PNC Bank Loan, for approval. He stated Resolution R1-2013 authorized the Town to borrow \$296,000 for the purchase of new vehicles. A copy of Resolution R1-2013 was placed in the record of the minutes.

Commissioner Givens questioned how many banks were consulted regarding the loan. Mr. Repole stated he contacted PNC as well as Columbia Bank, as these were the 2 institutions with which the Town had banking relationships. He added PNC offered a lower interest rate because the Town had an account from which the loan payment could be automatically debited.

Commissioner Givens requested that other banks be included when the Town was investigating loans or other banking services. Commissioner Piner concurred with Commissioner Givens' statement.

**ACTION:** Resolution R1-2013 – PNC Bank Loan was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jablonski. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hicks and approved by all present.

### **PECO License Agreement – Presented for Approval**

Mr. George presented the PECO licensing agreement for approval. He stated the agreement was drawn in order for the Town's contractor to stage and store construction equipment on property owned by PECO during the Warner Road Sanitary Sewer Force Main project. He said Mr. Wilson had negotiated terms with PECO regarding the agreement. Mr. Wilson added he was able to save the Town \$2,000 due to his negotiations.

**ACTION:** The PECO Licensing Agreement was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

### **Resolution R2-2013 – Disposition of Surplus Vehicle**

Mr. George presented Resolution R2-2013 – Disposition of Surplus Vehicle, for approval. He stated the vehicle to which the resolution referred had exceeded its service life. A copy of Resolution R2-2013 was placed in the record of the minutes.

**ACTION:** Resolution R2-2013 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved by all present.

### **Old Business**

Commissioner Jablonski requested removal of the signalization at the intersection of East Main and North Streets due to the successful transition to all-way stop signs.

Commissioner Hicks questioned when the Elkton Alliance Board of Directors would present its annual report to the Town Board. Commissioner Jablonski stated she would advise the Alliance's Board of Directors.

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

Mayor Fisona stated he was approached by a realtor regarding a property located on Red Hill Road (the Warburton property). He said the realtor was asking about the Town's interest in acquiring the property for a recreational facility. Commissioner Jablonski stated the property would be a great nature center for the Town.

Discussion ensued regarding costs associated with acquiring and maintaining the property. Mr. George stated the property would require extensive work in order to accommodate the public.

Discussion continued regarding use of the existing house on the property, including possibly renting the structure.

Mayor Fisona stated the Maryland Municipal League (MML) recently queried its members regarding support for legislation (Senate Bill 523) to allow municipalities to post legal notices on their websites in lieu of paying to post legal notices in newspapers of general circulation. He stated the law did not affect the Town, adding that Board members should still provide their opinions to the MML.

### **Commissioner Hicks' Report**

Commissioner Hicks stated he spoke to Cecil County Emergency Services Director Richard Brooks regarding a memorandum of understanding for Cecil County towns to assist one another during events such as hurricanes, severe flood, etc. He said he would talk with Mr. Brooks further and present the idea to the Board for consideration.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

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.

Hearing no additional business to come before the Board, Mayor Fisona adjourned the meeting at 4:35 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.