

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

MINUTES

July 18, 2012

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton (the "Board") held their second regularly scheduled meeting in July 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; Elkton Police Chief William E. Ryan; Director of Planning Jeanne D. Minner; 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.

ACTION: The minutes of the July 5, 2012 meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hicks 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 Piner and approved by all present.

Elkton Police Department Oath of Office – Captain Matthew Donnelly Promotion – Lieutenant Joseph Zurolo

Elkton Police Chief William Ryan presented Lieutenant Matthew Donnelly and Sergeant Joseph Zurolo to the Board. He read a brief biography of each officer, a copy of which was placed in the record of the minutes.

Chief Ryan administered the Oath of Office to each officer, promoting Lieutenant Donnelly to the rank of Captain, and Sergeant Zurolo to the rank of Lieutenant.

Town Administrator's Report

Ordinance 7-2012 – Alcoholic Beverages – Presented for Introduction

Mr. George presented Ordinance 7-2012–Alcoholic Beverages, for introduction. He stated Ordinance 7-2012 amended the Town Code by providing for the consumption of alcoholic beverages by patrons of a restaurant with outside seating and serving premises. Mr. George read synopsis of Ordinance 7-2012 into the record of the minutes.

ACTION: Ordinance 7-2012 – Alcoholic Beverages, was accepted for introduction on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hicks and approved by all present.

Old Business

Commissioner Jablonski, referring to previous discussions regarding blighted properties, questioned the status of a property at 240 West High Street. Mr. George stated the property had been condemned and the owner, Riddle Holdings, LLC, had been notified of the condemnation and violations. Commissioners Givens and Piner expressed support for the Code Enforcement Official regarding condemnation of the building.

Commissioner Givens, referring to previous discussions regarding the YMCA's septic system issues, questioned if the Town was going to move forward with plans to provide sewer service to the Y. Mr. George stated the infrastructure that the Town planned to use to provide sewer service to the Y was conveyed to Artesian Water, Maryland. He said discussions had not been initiated with Artesian regarding conveyance of the line.

Commissioner Givens asked Mr. George to meet with the Y and Artesian in order to facilitate conveyance of the line, and reiterated his request that the Town assist the Y with its septic system issues.

Mr. George, referring to the proposed amendment to the water purchase agreement between the Town and Artesian, stated the conveyance of the infrastructure was one of the contingencies of the Board's approval of the amendment.

Discussion ensued regarding the Town's costs associated with providing sewer service to the Y.

Mayor Fisona's Report

Mayor Fisona encouraged Elkton's citizens to participate in Delmarva Power Company's Appliance Recycling Program, through which residents could receive \$50 by recycling their old refrigerators. He said residents should contact Delmarva at 877-395-5541 to schedule appliance pick up.

Mayor Fisona requested the creation of a policy regarding cleaning of Town owned cars and trucks.

Commissioner Jablonski's Report

Commissioner Jablonski stated she attended a meeting regarding the commemoration of the War of 1812. She said Elkton was one of a few municipalities that received an information kiosk, and noted that it was popular with visitors, and added the Alliance distributed 500 "historic Elkton tour" brochures in 2 weeks.

Commissioner Jablonski stated the Town previously participated in the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Geo-cache project, and stated the Town should participate again in 2013. She said MML Geo-cache municipalities provided pens and pins to citizens who located the geo-cache. Referring to the Town's anniversary mugs, she stated the mugs should be awarded to successful participants.

Commissioner Piner's Report

Commissioner Piner expressed concerns regarding illegal camping and dumping of trash on public property.

Commissioner Piner expressed concerns regarding illegal removal of shopping carts from stores. Commissioner Givens concurred with Commissioner Piner, stating the shopping carts created a nuisance in town.

Commissioner Piner stated he received positive feedback from citizens regarding Department of Public Works (DPW) crews working on the weekends. He suggested reconfiguring the DPW schedule to include Saturday and Sunday shifts with 2 days off during the week, in order to reduce overtime costs.

Commissioner Givens' Report

Commissioner Givens complimented the new Police vehicles, and asked when they would be ready for service. Chief Ryan stated they were in the process of being outfitted.

Commissioner Givens commended Mr. John Smith, Code Enforcement Official, regarding property located on Stockton Street.

Public Comment

Mr. James Nicholson stated he owned the North Street Hotel. He said car show participants often brought beer in coolers, and he questioned if the Town had a policy to allow consumption of alcohol during car shows. He asked if he would be able to sell alcohol for public consumption during car shows. Commissioner Jablonski stated that she, as Director of the Elkton Alliance, had been asked about selling of alcohol for public consumption during car shows.

Commissioner Jablonski questioned if the Board would consider waiving the Town's Alcoholic Beverage Restriction for the downtown car shows.

Commissioner Hicks expressed support for Mr. Nicholson's request.

ACTION: The request for a Waiver of Alcoholic Beverage Restriction for the July 26, 2012 and August 23, 2012 car shows was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Piner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hicks. Commissioner Jablonski excused herself from the vote. The record of the vote is as follows:

Mayor Fisona: Aye

Commissioner Givens: Aye

Commissioner Hicks: Second

Commissioner Jablonski: Did not vote

Commissioner Piner: Motion

Commissioner Givens recommended extending the Waiver of Alcoholic Beverage Restriction to include the Fall Fest event, scheduled for September 21-22, 2012.

ACTION: The request to extend the Waiver of Alcoholic Beverage Restriction to include the Fall Fest event, scheduled for September 21-22, 2012, was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Piner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hicks. Commissioner Jablonski excused herself from the vote. The record of the vote is as follows:

Mayor Fisona: Aye

Commissioner Givens: Aye

Commissioner Hicks: Second

Commissioner Jablonski: Did not vote

Commissioner Piner: Motion

Mr. Robert Litzenberg commended the Board for accomplishing many tasks during the meeting.

Mr. Litzenberg, referring to the Town's sale of water to Artesian Maryland, Inc. for properties located at Route 7, said he knew of a resident on Route 7 who paid less for water than Mr. Litzenberg. Mr. George stated Artesian purchased the water at out of town rates. He said Artesian was bound by rates set by the Public Service Commission, which meant the company could not sell the water to Route 7 customers for higher rates.

Motion for a Closed Meeting

ACTION: Pursuant to State Government Article § 10-508 to discuss (14) before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, discuss a matter directly related to a negotiation strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the Board to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process; Commissioner Givens made a motion for a Closed Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

ACTION: Pursuant to State Government Article § 10-508 to discuss (1) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or performance evaluation of appointees, employees or officials over whom the Town has jurisdiction; Commissioner Piner made a motion for a Closed

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Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved by all present.

Mayor Fisona announced that the public meeting would not reconvene.

Hearing no additional business to come before the Board, Mayor Fisona adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

L. Michelle Henson
Administration Office Secretary

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

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