

# The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

## MINUTES

September 4, 2013

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton (the "Board") held their first regularly scheduled meeting in September on this date at 7:00 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 Department Acting Chief Captain Matthew Donnelly; Administration Office Secretary L. Michelle Henson and Town Attorney H. Norman Wilson, Jr.

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

**ACTION:** The minutes of the August 21, 2013 meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Piner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Givens 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 Givens and approved by all present.

### **Neighborhood Youth Panel Update**

Ms. Dawn Rodenbaugh, Program Administrator, and Ms. Leslie Woods, Coordinator, introduced themselves to the Board. Ms. Rodenbaugh stated the purpose of their appearance was to provide an update regarding Neighborhood Youth Panel (NYP) activities. Ms. Rodenbaugh provided a Power Point presentation, a copy of which was placed in the record of the minutes.

Commissioner Jablonski questioned the amount of funding under which the NYP operated. Ms. Rodenbaugh stated the NYP received grant funding in the amount of \$75,000.

Commissioner Givens stated Elkton High School benefited greatly from Elkton Police Department (EPD) presence in the school.

Mayor Fisona questioned if Elkton presented a higher percentage of drug related activity than other Cecil County municipalities. Ms. Rodenbaugh answered in the affirmative. Ms. Woods interjected that Elkton had a higher crime rate overall when compared to other Cecil County municipalities.

Mayor Fisona commended the NYP for its success with juvenile offenders.

Ms. Rodenbaugh stated the NYP had positive relationships with groups such as the Haven House and Upper Bay Counseling Services. She added parental support was critical in the success of the program. She stated the NYP was in need of mentors, who also contributed greatly to the program's success.

Commissioner Hicks echoed Mayor Fisona's statements regarding the program.

### **Town Administrator's Report**

#### **Blue Marlin Catering Request for Alcohol Waiver on behalf of Elkton High School Class of 1963 Reunion**

Mr. George presented a request from Blue Marlin Catering for a waiver of the Town's Alcoholic Beverage Restriction Ordinance in order to permit public consumption of alcohol during the Elkton High School Class of 1963 Reunion on September 14, 2013 at the Elkton Municipal Building Community Room.

**ACTION:** The request for a waiver of the Town's Alcoholic Beverage Restriction Ordinance for the Elkton High School Class of 1963 Reunion was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved by all present.

### **Old Business**

Mayor Fisona, referring to a previous citizen request for safety upgrades to the pedestrian crossing at Howard and Bridge Streets which were compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), reported the State Highway Administration (SHA) agreed to initiate the improvements.

Mayor Fisona stated SHA initiated paving improvements to Route 40. He added SHA was in various stages of planning for installation of roundabout intersections in several locations around Cecil County, including 2 in Elkton (Routes 279 & 545, and Route 281 & Muddy Lane).

Mayor Fisona reported the pedestrian walk project at Delaware Avenue was moving forward.

Mayor Fisona questioned the status of the wayfinding sign project. Mr. George stated the plans had been sent from KCI Technologies, the Town's engineering firm, to SHA for review.

Commissioner Givens, referring to a Website design demonstration provided by Virtual Town Hall at the August 14, 2013 workshop, asked the Board to move forward with contracting the company for Website design and support.

**ACTION:** The request to move forward with contracting Virtual Town Hall for Website design and support was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved by all present.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Tim Keane, President, Patriots Glen Homeowners Association (HOA), introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Keane, referring to issues related to the neighborhood's golf course, pool and clubhouse, stated the HOA succeeded in reopening the clubhouse and pool. He stated ownership of the golf course had been assumed by the mortgage holder, which subsequently put the property out to bid.

Mr. Keane introduced Mr. Damon Klepczynski, contract purchaser of the golf course. Mr. Klepczynski stated settlement on the golf course was scheduled for September 16, 2013. He stated his goal was to have the golf course fully operational by the spring of 2014.

Commissioner Givens expressed support for reopening the golf course, stating the Elkton High School golf team used it previously. Commissioner Jablonski stated the golf course had an excellent reputation when it was operating.

Mayor Fisona recognized former Mayor Rob Alt, stating the golf course was built under his administration.

Mr. Ed Ginder stated the golf course was a resource the Town could not afford to lose.

### **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.

Mayor Fisona adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

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L. Michelle Henson  
Administration Office Secretary

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ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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