

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

MINUTES

January 21, 2009

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton (the "Board") held their second regularly scheduled meeting in January on this date at 7:00 P.M. The following persons were present: Mayor Joseph Fisona; Commissioners Mary Jo Jablonski, Earl M. Piner, Sr. and C. Gary Storke; Town Administrator Lewis H. George, Jr.; Chief of Police William Ryan; Finance Director Steven Repole; Human Resources Director Venus Kincaid; Administration Office Secretary L. Michelle Henson; and Town Attorney H. Norman Wilson, Jr., Esquire. Commissioner Charles H. Givens, Sr., was excused from the meeting.

Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to State Government Article § 10-508 (a) (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; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; a Closed Meeting was held on Wednesday January 7, 2009 in the Mayor and Commissioners Meeting Room at the Elkton Municipal Building, 100 Railroad Avenue, Elkton, Maryland 21921. The following persons were present: Mayor Joseph Fisona; Commissioners Charles H. Givens, Sr., Mary Jo Jablonski, and C. Gary Storke; Town Administrator Lewis H. George, Jr.; Administration Office Secretary L. Michelle Henson; and Town Attorney H. Norman Wilson, Jr., Esq.

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

ACTION: The minutes of the January 7, 2009 meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Piner. 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 Piner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved by all present.

Budget Amendment 2009-012

Mr. Repole presented Budget Amendment 2009-012 to amend the FY 09 Budget to recognize a \$100.00 donation to the Christmas Needy Family Fund.

ACTION: Budget Amendment 2009-012 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Piner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved by all present.

Budget Amendment 2009-013

Mr. Repole presented Budget Amendment 2009-013 to amend the FY 09 Budget to transfer from Human Resources-Professional Services, to Human Resources-Dues & Subscriptions, for the cost of participation in an automated compensation study by the Maryland Municipal League (“MML”).

ACTION: Budget Amendment 2009-013 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jablonski. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

Budget Amendment 2009-014

Mr. Repole presented Budget Amendment 2009-014 to amend the FY 09 Budget to reallocate savings from previously purchased capital items to the purchase of Tactical Building Entry Equipment.

ACTION: Budget Amendment 2009-014 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Storke. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

Administration of Oath of Office - Elkton Police Department

Chief William Ryan administered the Oath of Office to Elkton Police Officers Candice Pirritano, Mikael Fonck, and Sean Murphy.

Mayor Fisona’s Report

Mayor Fisona provided an update regarding State Highway Administration (“SHA”) projects. He stated projects including installation of a pedestrian crossing signal at Delancy Road and Route 40, upgrades to West Main Street, and the elevation of the Delaware Avenue roadway near Meadow Park were to commence in 2009.

Mayor Fisona stated he received a reply from United States Senator Benjamin Cardin regarding the mayor’s request for funding assistance for upgrades to the Elkton Train Station. He stated Sen. Cardin replied that the current economic situation prevented funding for the train station, but the project might be included in long range plans.

Mayor Fisona stated the term of Ms. Mary Johnson on the Elkton Ethics Commission was due to expire on January 31, 2009. He requested a motion to reappoint Ms. Johnson to the Elkton Ethics Commission for the term February 1, 2009 - January 31, 2014.

ACTION: The reappointment of Ms. Mary Johnson to the Elkton Ethics Commission for the term February 1, 2009 to January 31, 2014 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jablonski. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

Mayor Fisona state the term of Mr. John K. Burkley, II on the Elkton Ethics Commission was due to expire on January 31, 2009. He requested a motion to reappoint Mr. Burkley to the Elkton Ethics Commission for the term February 1, 2009 - January 31, 2014.

ACTION: The reappointment of Mr. John K. Burkley, II to the Elkton Ethics Commission for the term February 1, 2009 to January 31, 2014 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jablonski. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

Mayor Fisona stated the term of Mr. Duane Pease on the Elkton Housing Authority Board was due to expire on January 31, 2009. He requested a motion to reappoint Mr. Pease to the Elkton Housing Authority Board for the term February 1, 2009 - January 31, 2014.

ACTION: The reappointment of Mr. Duane Pease to the Elkton Housing Authority for the term February 1, 2009 - January 31, 2014 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Piner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved by all present.

Commissioner Piner's Report

Commissioner Piner questioned the status of a house on Whitehall Road that was condemned due to fire damage. Mr. Charles Hicks, Code Enforcement Official, stated the homeowner obtained permits for work at the structure.

Commissioner Piner questioned if minimum water usage billing could be adjusted during winter months. Discussion ensued regarding minimum usage billing requirements for water customers.

Public Comment

Mr. Robert Litzenberg questioned a \$28,000.00 payment to the Cecil County Treasurer's Office. Mr. Repole responded the payment was for dumping fees at the Central Landfill Facility.

Mr. Litzenberg questioned the status of the building at 101 East Main Street. He asked if the Board intended to sell the building or rent the vacant section. Mayor Fisona responded in the negative.

Motion for a Closed Meeting

Pursuant to State Government Article § 10-508 (a) (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; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; Commissioner Piner made a motion for a Closed Meeting at 7:17 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved by all present.

Hearing no additional business to come before the Board, Mayor Fisona adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Mayor Fisona announced the Public Meeting would not reconvene.

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. The minutes, in hard copy format, are retained indefinitely by the Town of Elkton, Administration Office, 100 Railroad Avenue, Elkton, Maryland 21921.

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