

## **The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton**

### **MINUTES**

February 17, 2010

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton (the "Board") held their second regularly scheduled meeting in February on this date at 7:00 P.M. The following persons were present: Mayor Joseph Fisona; Commissioners Charles H. Givens; Mary Jo Jablonski, Earl M. Piner, Sr. and C. Gary Storke; Town Administrator Lewis H. George, Jr.; Elkton Police Department Chief William Ryan; Finance Director Steven Repole; Department of Public Works Director Mark Turnbull; 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**

Pursuant to State Government Article § 10-508 (a) (7) consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; and (9) conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations; a Closed Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 7:27 p.m. in the Mayor and Commissioners Conference Room at 100 Railroad Avenue, Elkton, Maryland. The following persons were in attendance: Mayor Joseph Fisona; Commissioners Charles H. Givens, Mary Jo Jablonski, Earl M. Piner, Sr., and C. Gary Storke; Town Administrator Lewis H. George, Jr.; Finance Director Steven Repole; Human Resources Director Venus Kincaid; Assistant Town Administrator Kim Kamp; Administration Office Secretary L. Michelle Henson; and Town Attorney H. Norman Wilson, Jr., Esq.

**ACTION:** The minutes of the February 3, 2010 meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Storke 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.

#### **Budget Amendment 2010-011**

Mr. Repole presented Budget Amendment 2010-011 to budget the use of additional Fund Balance for the purpose of purchasing rock salt for snow and ice removal.

**ACTION:** Budget Amendment 2010-011 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jablonski. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Givens and approved by all present.

Discussion ensued regarding availability of reimbursement funds for snow plowing operations during the state of emergency declared by Gov. O'Malley.

### **Presentation of Certificate of Special Recognition to the Department of Public Works**

Mayor Fisona commended the employees of the Department of Public Works ("DPW") who worked during the recent snow storms. He presented a Certificate of Special Recognition to Mr. Mark Turnbull, Director, DPW.

Commissioner Storke commended DPW employees for their cooperation and teamwork with the Elkton Police Department and emergency response agencies during the weather events.

### **Presentation of Comprehensive Annual Financial Report FY 2009**

Messrs. Keith Novak, Partner, and Greg Barrow, Manager, introduced themselves to the Board.

Mr. Novak stated the purpose of their appearance was to present the Town of Elkton's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2009.

Mr. Novak reported there were no issues with the Town's audit. He stated the Town previously received the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting, and said he expected the Town would receive the award for FY 2009.

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

Mr. George stated the Town received a Purchase Agreement and Quit Claim Deed pertaining to a parcel of land owned by the Maryland Transportation Authority ("MTA") on Belle Hill Road.

Mr. George stated the owners of Border Lodging wanted to purchase the parcel to accommodate its project. He said MTA offered to sell the parcel directly to the Town, and said the owners of Border Lodging would reimburse the Town for the purchase price of \$7,200.00.

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

Mayor Fisona reported a malfunctioning traffic light at North and High Streets.

Mayor Fisona expressed appreciation to Commissioner Piner for volunteering at the Boys & Girls Club fundraiser on February 16, 2010.

**Commissioner Jablonski's Report**

Commissioner Jablonski echoed Mayor Fisona's appreciation for Commissioner Piner's assistance at the Boys & Girls Club fundraiser.

Commissioner Jablonski suggested the Town utilize AmeriCorps volunteers for assistance with jobs such as snow shoveling in winter and grass cutting in summer.

**Commissioner Givens' Report**

Commissioner Givens commended DPW staff regarding snow clean up and removal.

Commissioner Givens stated the Board's job was to help make the Town presentable, and stated the Town's Ordinances should be enforced to combat blighted properties.

Hearing no additional business to come before the Board, Mayor Fisona adjourned the meeting at 7:21 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

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