

# The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

## MINUTES

March 3, 2010

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton (the "Board") held their first regularly scheduled meeting in March 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.; Assistant Town Administrator Kim Kamp; Finance Director Steven 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.

**ACTION:** The minutes of the February 17, 2010 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 Piner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Givens and approved by all present.

### **Proclamation - Fair Housing Month**

Mr. George presented a Proclamation designating April 2010 as Fair Housing Month. A copy of the proclamation was placed into the record of the minutes.

**ACTION:** The Proclamation designating April 2010 as Fair Housing Month was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jablonski. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

### **Severn Trent Environmental Services**

Water/Wastewater Treatment Services Report - Months of January and February 2010

Mr. Ken Benner, Area Manager, Severn Trent Environmental Services, presented the Water/Wastewater Treatment Services report for the months of January and February 2010. A copy of Mr. Benner's report was placed in the record of the minutes.

Mr. Benner reported the Wastewater Treatment Plant ("WWTP") produced 11,000 lbs of total Nitrogen in 2009, compared with the old plant's output of 146,000 lbs of total Nitrogen in 2008.

Mr. Benner, referring to a previously asked question from Commissioner Givens concerning security, stated the plant utilized intrusion alarms and fire protection in all buildings as well as perimeter fences.

Mr. Benner stated he planned to submit a sample of the Town's drinking water at the Maryland Rural Water Convention in order to compete for the "best water in the state of Maryland" designation.

Mr. Benner stated he presented a punchlist of minor outstanding issues regarding the WWTP to Mr. George. He stated he and Mr. George met with the contractor to discuss the punchlist, and said the issues were being addressed.

#### **Fort Monmouth Relocation Fair Update**

Ms. Erika Quesenbery-Marketing Coordinator, Cecil County Office of Economic Development

Ms. Quesenbery introduced herself to the Board. She reported the Fort Monmouth Relocation Fair was planned for May 26, 2010 in Forth Monmouth, New Jersey. She stated the Cecil County Office of Economic Development wanted to showcase Cecil County towns at the fair, and stated the purpose of her visit was to invite towns to participate.

Discussion ensued regarding the anticipated numbers of persons relocating to Cecil County vs. Harford, Baltimore, and New Castle Counties.

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

Mr. George presented a Request for Alcohol Prohibition Waiver from the Elkton Alliance regarding the Citizen of the Year Banquet scheduled for March 25, 2010.

**ACTION:** The request for an alcohol prohibition waiver for the Elkton Alliance Citizen of the Year Banquet on March 25, 2010 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Storke. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Givens and approved by all present.

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

#### **Comverge Curtailment Service Provider Services Proposal**

Ms. Kamp stated she received information from Mr. Ken Benner regarding the Comverge Company, which offered a program to curtail electricity usage during periods of high electric market prices. She presented an agreement for the Board's approval.

**ACTION:** The Comverge Curtailment Service Provider Services Proposal was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Piner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved by all present.

Discussion ensued regarding invitees to the WWTP dedication ceremony. Commissioner Givens, referring to an email from Commissioner Jablonski, stated citizens as well as dignitaries should be invited to the ceremony. Commissioner Storke concurred with Commissioner Givens. He said former mayors should also be invited. Ms. Kamp said she would coordinate accommodation of attendees with Mr. Benner.

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

Mayor Fisona stated Mr. Brian McCandless expressed interest in reappointment to the Board of Supervisors of Elections for the term March 1, 2010 - February 28, 2012, and asked for a motion to reappoint Mr. McCandless.

**ACTION:** The request to reappoint Mr. Brian McCandless to the Board of Supervisors of Elections for the term March 1, 2010 - February 28, 2012 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved by all present.

Mayor Fisona stated Mr. Roger McCardell expressed interest in appointment to the Planning Commission for the term February 1, 2010 - January 31, 2015, and asked for a motion to appoint Mr. McCardell.

**ACTION:** The request to appoint Mr. Roger McCardell to the Planning Commission for the term February 1, 2010 - January 31, 2015 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens and seconded by Commissioner Jablonski. Commissioner Storke opposed the motion. The record of the vote is as follows:

Mayor Fisona: Aye

Commissioner Givens: Motion

Commissioner Jablonski: Second

Commissioner Piner: Aye

Commissioner Storke: Nay

### **Commissioner Jablonski's Report**

Commissioner Jablonski commended the Elkton Police Department regarding patrols in the downtown area.

Commissioner Givens questioned the status of the building at 112-114 West Main Street. Commissioner Jablonski stated the owner built 4 apartments on the second floor and was finishing the first floor for commercial use.

Mayor Fisona questioned the status of a building located at 127 ½ East Main Street. Discussion ensued regarding the Town's attempts to determine the owner's plans for the property.

Mr. Wilson stated he contacted the owner and advised him of the Town's concerns regarding the property. He said the owner stated he would address the issues associated with the building.

Discussion ensued regarding a previous inspection of the property's structural integrity by the Town's engineer, KCI Technologies. Mr. George stated he would ask KCI to perform a second inspection if the Board desired. Commissioner Storke asked Mr. George to have a different engineering firm inspect the property.

**ACTION:** The request to engage a second engineering firm to determine the structural integrity of the building located at 127 ½ East Main Street was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Storke. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved by all present.

Commissioner Storke expressed concerns regarding anticipated pot holes resulting from the winter weather. He questioned if the Town had a repair program in place. Mr. George answered in the affirmative.

Commissioner Storke commended the Elkton Police Department for late-night / early-morning patrols in the downtown area.

Commissioner Storke commended the work performed by Stearns & Wheler, LLC and Galway Bay regarding the upgrades to the WWTP.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Wes Walker invited the Board to attend an Open House at the Pub on Main on Friday March 5, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Walker commended the Department of Public Works regarding snow removal during the recent snow events.

Mr. Walker stated he scheduled a "Meet the Candidates" forum at 2:00 p.m. on April 10, 2010 at the All American Sports Academy, located at 801 Elkton Boulevard.

Commissioner Givens questioned if the Elkton Alliance would hold its "Meet the Candidates" forum as well. Commissioner Jablonski answered the affirmative, stating it was scheduled at 12:00 noon on May 10, 2010.

Mayor Fisona requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**ACTION:** The request for a motion to adjourn the meeting was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Piner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved by all present.

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Hearing no additional business to come before the Board, Mayor Fisona adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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L. Michelle Henson  
Administration Office Secretary

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ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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