

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

MINUTES

September 14, 2011

A public meeting (workshop) of the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton (“the Board”) was held on this date at 4:00 p.m. with the following persons present: Mayor Joseph 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 Repole; Planning Director Jeanne Minner; Parks & Recreation Director Mary Magaw; Administration Office Secretary L. Michelle Henson; and Town Attorney H. Norman Wilson, Jr.

Mayor Fisona called the Workshop meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Discussion – Community/Recreation Center – Mr. Harlan Williams

Mr. Harlan Williams introduced himself to the Board. He said the purpose of his appearance was to present a property for consideration as a location for a Town Community / Recreation Center.

Mr. Williams stated the property, located east of Town limits on Red Hill Road, consisted of 2 parcels, totaling 30 acres. He stated the selling price for the combined parcels was \$1,410,000.00.

Discussion ensued regarding the condition of existing structures on the property. Commissioner Piner stated his goal was to keep expenses to citizens to a minimum.

Commissioner Givens stated the Board needed to decide upon the type of facility in order to determine the size of property needed. Commissioner Piner stated the facility could start as a pole barn and grow as needed. Commissioner Hicks concurred with Commissioner Piner’s statement.

Mr. William stated he could not speak for the owner, adding he expected the property could not be donated to the Town.

Commissioner Piner commended the Parks & Recreation Director and staff for continuation of programs during adverse weather conditions. Commissioner Jablonski echoed Commissioner Piner’s comments.

Discussion ensued regarding funding possibilities via Program Open Space grants.

Discussion – Historic District – Mr. Cory Kegerise, Maryland Department of Planning

Mr. Kegerise introduced himself to the Board. He stated the purpose of his appearance was to discuss issues brought to the Board by members of the Town's Historic and Architectural Review Committee (HARC).

Mr. Kegerise provided a Power Point Presentation regarding the legal basis of Historic Area Zoning and standards set by the Secretary of the Interior. A copy of Mr. Kegerise's presentation was placed in the record of the minutes.

Mr. Kegerise advised the Board to assist the HARC in creation of design standards for the Town's designated Historic Areas.

Discussion – Artesian

Ms. Dian Taylor and Mr. John Schreppler introduced themselves to the Board. Ms. Taylor stated the purpose of their appearance was to discuss the Town's water purchase contract with Artesian.

Ms. Taylor stated weather related events, beginning in September 2010, necessitated the Town's increased draw from Artesian, triggering a contract-required increase in billing. She stated the Town had a balance of \$257,545.08.

Commissioner Piner expressed concern that his previous comments regarding increasing water rate impacts to citizens had been taken out of context.

Commissioner Hicks concurred with Commissioner Piner's concerns and questioned if the outstanding balance could be forgiven by Artesian. Ms. Taylor answered in the negative.

Ms. Taylor suggested the Board could discuss contract terms with Artesian in a closed meeting.

Hearing no additional business to come before the Board, Mayor Fisona adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

L. Michelle Henson
Administration Office Secretary

A RECORDING OF THIS MEETING RETAINED
AT THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE