

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

July 21, 2021

As part of The Town of Elkton's response to COVID-19, and in order to limit public gatherings during this time, the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton (the "Board") conducted a hybrid virtual meeting on this date at 12:00 p.m. The following persons participated in this meeting: Mayor Robert J. Alt; Commissioners Jean A. Broomell, Charles H. Givens, Sr., Robert M. Massimiano and Earl M. Piner, Sr.; Town Administrator Lewis H. George, Jr.; Finance Director Steven H. Repole, CPA; Chief of Police Carolyn Rogers; Director of Public Works J. Daniel Handley, P.E.; Senior Administrative Specialist L. Michelle Henson; and Town Attorney John P. Downs, Esquire.

Mayor Alt called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and lead the participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION: The minutes of the July 7, 2021 hybrid virtual meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Massimiano 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 Broomell and approved by all present.

Mayor Alt noted the preliminary data indicates the Town is finishing Fiscal Year 2020 under budget by approximately \$1 million.

**Elkton Police Department - Chief Carolyn Rogers
Update Regarding Partnership with Cecil County for Fiscal Year 2021 JAG Local
Solicitation Grant**

Elkton Police Department (EPD) Chief Carolyn Rogers stated that EPD partnered with the Cecil County Sheriff's Department to obtain grant funds via Justice Assistant Grants (JAG) through the federal government. She stated the purpose of this year's grant application was to obtain a ballistic shield, adding that EPD was awarded \$7,000 for the purchase of the device, which costs approximately \$7500.

Mr. George noted that he was unaware that EPD did not have ballistic shields, and asked Chief Rogers to obtain a device for each squad, adding that Seized Funds could be used for the purchase. Chief Rogers stated that the grant application for (1) shield is already underway, adding that she will initiate the purchase of ballistic shields for each squad from Seized Funds.

ACTION: The purchase of (1) ballistic shield via JAG funding was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

Town Administrator's Report

Ordinance 4-2021 Police Pension Plan - Presented for Adoption

Mr. George presented Ordinance 4-2021 Police Pension Plan for adoption. He stated the Ordinance 4-2021, which is effective August 10, 2021, amends the Elkton Police Pension Plan to provide sworn officers who served in the military service prior to employment with up to three years of credible retirement following the completion of 20 years of service with the Elkton Police Department, and to provide sworn officers the option to buy-back up to 12 months of credible retirement upon an officer's return to service following a Workers' Compensation related absence. A copy of Ordinance 4-2021 was placed in the record of the minutes.

Mayor Alt's Report

Mayor Alt, referring to the Board's previous discussion with Singerly Fire Company regarding issues associated with non-emergency calls for patient transportation, stated he will facilitate a meeting between Singerly representatives and interested parties.

Mayor Alt requested follow up discussions regarding the status of the Hatchery Ponds project as well as a question regarding the zoning designation of property located at the eastern end of Frenchtown Road. He asked to have the topics scheduled for an upcoming workshop meeting.

Mayor Alt requested the formation of a fireworks committee to discuss the July 4, 2022 fireworks event.

Mayor Alt requested the Board's input regarding (3) vacancies on the Historic District Commission.

Mayor Alt commended the Department of Public Works (DPW) for installation of a Stop sign and repainting at the intersection at North and Main Streets. He expressed his desire to have streets and sidewalks repainted throughout town to improve visibility.

Mayor Alt asked if copies of the annual waste collection schedule could be mailed to residents.

Mayor Alt noted the recent passing of Mr. Roger McCardell, who served the Town of Elkton in many capacities over the years. He stated Mr. McCardell's services are scheduled on July 22nd and 23rd, and requested that Mr. Handley post a thank you message on Main Street. Mayor Alt additionally requested a similar message for Ms. Polly Weber, who also recently passed.

Commissioner Massimiano's Report

Commissioner Massimiano stated the installation of a new Stop sign and painting of the street has improved conditions at North and Main Streets.

Commissioner Piner's Report

Commissioner Piner noted increasing activity and use of the Neighborhood Community Center, stating more advertising of the facility is needed.

Commissioner Piner thanked Parks & Recreation for installing the clock he requested.

Commissioner Piner stated attendance at the Basketball Camp has been good.

Commissioner Givens' Report

Commissioner Givens stated a 9-year old bicyclist was recently struck by a vehicle at the intersection of North and Stockton Streets. Noting the amount of traffic that travels North Street, Commissioner Givens asked Mr. George to look into improvements to the area, including removal of a parking space on the southeast corner of the intersection in order to improve sight distance.

Mayor Alt expressed his desire to make Stockton Street a priority, as it leads to the Community Center.

Commissioner Broomell's Report

Commissioner Broomell expressed good wishes for everyone involved in the accident at North and Stockton Streets.

Commissioner Broomell requested that Parks & Recreation reinitiate the annual Resident Guide.

Commissioner Broomell expressed condolences to the families of Roger McCardell and Polly Weber.

Commissioner Broomell questioned the status of the South Bridge Street bridge cleaning project. Mr. Handley stated the project should be completed in August.

Public Comment

Ms. Barbara Weisser stated she witnessed the accident involving the bicyclist, stating he rode into traffic. She requested enhanced traffic control devices in the area and a reconfiguration of Stockton Street to one-way traffic.

Ms. Amy Richardson echoed Ms. Weisser's request for enhanced traffic control devices and reconfiguration of Stockton Street to one-way traffic only.

Ms. Weisser expressed support for the Neighborhood Community Center, adding that the increased pedestrian traffic has resulted in foot traffic through her property. She requested the installation of fencing in neighboring yards.

Ms. Weisser requested increased Police patrols in her neighborhood.

Chief Rogers announced the annual National Night Out event, scheduled for Tuesday, August 3rd at Meadow Park. She invited the Board to attend the event, which will involve many sponsors and participants from the area.

Chief Rogers noted the passing of K9 Officer Rommel, who served with Officer Matt Nussle from 2010-2018. She thanked the Cecil County Sheriff's Office for posting a touching tribute to Rommel on its social media page.

Hearing no additional business to come before the Board, Mayor Alt adjourned the virtual meeting at 6:45 p.m.

L. Michelle Henson
Sr. Administrative Specialist

A 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.