

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

MINUTES

July 14, 2021

In 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 workshop meeting on this date at 12:00 p.m. The following persons participated via computer and/or telephone: Mayor Robert J. Alt; Commissioners Jean A. Broomell, Charles H. Givens, Sr., Earl M. Piner, Sr., and Robert M. Massimiano; Town Administrator Lewis H. George, Jr.; Steven H. Repole, CPA; Director of Public Works J. Daniel Handley, P.E.; Director of Parks & Recreation Mary C. Magaw; Chief of Police Carolyn Rogers; Senior Administrative Specialist L. Michelle Henson; and Town Attorney John P. Downs, Esquire.

Singerly Fire Company Update

Mr. Steven Horah, President, and Mr. Sam Goldwater, Member, Singerly Fire Company, introduced themselves to the Board. Mr. Goldwater stated the purpose of their appearance is to provide an overview of Singerly Fire Company's activities and to discuss the entity's financial future.

Messrs. Horah and Goldwater provided a Power Point Presentation, a copy of which was placed in the record of the minutes.

Discussion ensued regarding recruitment and retaining of volunteers and paid staff.

Discussion continued regarding impacts of "911" calls to emergency dispatch for non-emergency transportation of patients from local nursing facilities. Mr. Horah stated the calls create a financial burden on Singerly and remove emergency response staff from potential life threatening calls.

Discussion continued regarding the hiring of a mechanic to service Singerly's fleet.

Commissioner Piner questioned if Singerly pursued grant funding to offset costs of equipment, etc. Mr. Horah expressed his desire to hire a grant writer. Mr. Goldwater suggested Singerly may partner with the Elkton Police Department in the grant writing process.

Mr. Horah expressed his desire to partner with the Town in any way possible in order to lower Singerly's operating costs.

Mayor Alt stated he recognized Singerly's need for assistance from the Town, and stated he will facilitate a workshop meeting between Singerly and officials from nursing facilities and senior residences in order to discuss patient transportation.

Mayor Alt asked the Board to consider ways to help Singerly increase revenues.

General Discussion

Mayor Alt, referring to the Board's previous discussion regarding extension of South Street to the Neighborhood Community Center (NCC), questioned the feasibility of completing the project. Mr. George stated the project will entail purchase of several properties, adding that he will discuss with Mr. Downs. Mr. George stated he will obtain the original extension plan from KCI Technologies, the Town's engineer.

Mayor Alt asked the Board to suggest appointees to fill vacancies on the Historic District Commission.

Mayor Alt questioned the status of a blighted property on East High Street. Mr. Downs stated the Town has the opportunity to purchase the property, demolish the blighted building, and resell to an entity such as Habitat for Humanity.

Commissioner Piner requested the installation of a large wall clock at the NCC.

Commissioner Piner reiterated his request for the purchase of a large tent for outdoor events at the NCC.

Commissioner Broomell stated she recently met Ms. Donna Goff, Economic Development Specialist for the City of Frederick, who provided background information regarding Frederick's flood control program, adding that she will provide copies of the program once received.

Commissioner Broomell stated she plans to invite a Cecil College student to an upcoming workshop to discuss the student's thesis on flooding in Elkton.

Ms. Pat Opal advised the Board that the Historic Elk Landing Foundation is in need of a treasurer.

Hearing no additional comments or questions, Mayor Alt adjourned the hybrid virtual workshop meeting at 1:33 p.m.

L. Michelle Henson
Senior Administrative Specialist

A VIDEO RECORDING OF THIS MEETING RETAINED AT THE ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE