

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

## **MINUTES**

February 8, 2023

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton (the "Board") conducted a hybrid workshop meeting on this date at 12:00 p.m. The following persons participated in person or via computer and/or telephone: Mayor Robert J. Alt; Commissioners Charles H. Givens, Sr., Robert M. Massimiano and Earl M. Piner, Sr.; Town Administrator Lewis H. George, Jr.; Steven H. Repole, CPA; Director of Planning Jeanne D. Minner; Director of Building & Zoning Chip Bromwell; Director of Human Resources Andy Rodriguez; Director of Public Works J. Daniel Handley, PE; Assistant Town Administrator L. Michelle Henson; and Town Attorney John P. Downs, Esquire. Commissioner Jean A. Broomell was excused from the meeting.

Mayor Alt called the workshop meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

### **Discussion - Patriot's Landing Water Sewer Fees**

Messrs. David Sobczak and Brock Armour, representing Crosswinds Landing, introduced themselves to the Board. Mr. Sobczak stated the purpose of their appearance was to discuss the planned Patriots Landing development and to request a waiver of Major Facilities Fees associated with the project.

Discussion ensued regarding costs associated with issues regarding financing of residential development.

Discussion continued regarding maintenance of Muddy Lane.

Mayor Alt advised Messrs. Sobczak and Armour that the Board would consider their request.

### **Presentation - Singerly Fire Company Annual Report**

Messrs. Robert Muller, Don Hicks and Sam Goldwater introduced themselves to the Board. Mr. Muller stated the purpose of their appearance was to present the Singerly Fire Company Annual Report. A copy of the report was placed in the record of the minutes.

Mr. Muller stated that as of October 3, 2022, Singerly can bill a patient's insurance for emergency response.

Commissioner Givens questioned the number of grants that Singerly applies for in a given year. Mr. Muller stated Singerly pursues up to 20 grants per year, which range from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Mr. Muller stated Singerly is increasing its presence in the community, stating that the first Trunk or Treat event was a success.

Mr. Muller stated Singerly has initiated a Service Program through which a student can reside at Singerly while serving as an intern.

Mr. Muller stated that Singerly utilized the \$500,000 donation from the Town's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund allotment in 2022 for the purchase of equipment.

Discussion ensued regarding challenges associated with road conditions that can impact response times. Mr. Muller expressed Singerly's goal of staffing the station located on Route 40.

Mr. Muller asked the Board to consider increasing the Town's annual contribution to the fire company, which is based upon the State assessment of Real Property within Elkton's municipal limits.

Mr. Muller stated his hope to obtain 2 additional ambulances and a re-chassis of an existing ambulance.

Discussion ensued regarding sprinkler systems. Mr. Hicks stated that sprinkler systems are aiding in lowering the ISO rate, which is used for determining insurance premiums.

### **Discussion - Feasibility Study for the former Elkton Council Hall 110-112 North Street**

Mayor Alt, referring to the previously conducted Feasibility Study for the former Elkton Council Hall at 110-112 North Street, asked the Board to reconsider moving forward with the recommendations contained in the report such as a restaurant space.

Ms. Minner stated she will investigate potential grant funding to move forward with the recommendations in the report.

### **Discussion**

Commissioner Piner requested an update on the Armory. Mr. George stated the Town received an evaluation regarding removal of asbestos and lead paint in the Drill Hall and two of the bathrooms, the cost of which is estimated at over \$300,000.

Ms. Minner stated she will investigate potential grant funding regarding removal of asbestos and lead paint in the Drill Hall and two of the bathrooms.

Ms. Minner advised the Board that she recently attended a meeting of the Maryland Department of Transportation during which construction of a train station adjacent to Railroad Avenue between Bridge and North Streets was discussed.

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Hearing no additional comments or questions, Mayor Alt adjourned the virtual workshop meeting at 1:08 p.m.

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L. Michelle Henson  
Assistant Town Administrator

A VIDEO RECORDING OF THIS MEETING RETAINED AT THE ADMINISTRATION  
OFFICE