

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

MINUTES

January 2, 2013

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton (the “Board”) held their first regularly scheduled meeting in January on this date at 7:00 p.m. The following persons were present: Mayor Joseph L. Fisona; Commissioners Charles E. Hicks, V; Mary Jo Jablonski; and Earl M. Piner, Sr.; Town Administrator Lewis H. George, Jr.; Finance Director Steven H. Repole; Elkton Police Chief William E. Ryan; Administration Office Secretary L. Michelle Henson and Town Attorney H. Norman Wilson, Jr., Esquire. Commissioner Charles H. Givens, Sr. was excused from the meeting.

Mayor Fisona called the meeting to order, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION: The minutes of the December 19, 2012 meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jablonski. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner 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 Hicks and approved by all present.

Town Administrator’s Report

Ordinance 1-2013 Elkton Police Pension Plan – Presented for Introduction

Mr. George presented Ordinance 1-2013 Elkton Police Pension Plan for introduction. He stated Ordinance 1-2013 amended the Town Code 2.28 Police Pension Plan by clarifying the definitions of “normal retirement age” and “normal retirement date”.

Mr. George stated the changes were based on discussions between Mr. Paul Madden, Esquire, representing the Town, and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), regarding approval from the IRS for the Town to move contributions from employees of the Elkton Police Department from the Town’s current retirement plan to M & T Investments.

ACTION: Ordinance 1-2013 Elkton Police Pension Plan was approved for introduction on a motion made by Commissioner Piner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved by all present.

Old Business

Commissioner Hicks, referring to previous discussions regarding blighted properties in Town, stated Zoning Administrator J. Craig Trostle planned to bring suit against the owners of problem properties. He requested Mr. George provide an update of the cases. Commissioner Piner stated he spoke with Mr. Trostle regarding the cases, and was informed 2 of the 4 cases had been addressed. Mr. Wilson stated initiation of court cases were usually an incentive for property owners to address outstanding issues.

Mayor Fisona, referring to a property in his neighborhood, questioned the process for taking property owners to court. He stated the property owner received many letters over several months but had not addressed the issues. Mr. Wilson stated he would follow up on the property.

Mayor Fisona's Report

Mayor Fisona stated Elkton was participating in the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Geocache Trail Event, set to begin on January 5, 2013. He commended Department of Public Works employee Mr. Ed Dowell for his work on the Town's cache box, located in front of the Elkton Alliance building at 101 East Main Street.

Mayor Fisona, referring to the Watershed Implementation Program (WIP), expressed concerns regarding the success of the program to improve the quality of the Chesapeake Bay.

Commissioner Jablonski's Report

Commissioner Jablonski echoed Mayor Fisona's comments regarding Mr. Dowell's work, stating the Town was fortunate to have Mr. Dowell as an employee.

Hearing no additional business to come before the Board, Mayor Fisona requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Hearing no additional business to come before the Board, Mayor Fisona adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

L. Michelle Henson
Administration Office Secretary

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ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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