

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

MINUTES

February 20, 2013

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton (the “Board”) held their second regularly scheduled meeting in February on this date at 7:00 p.m. The following persons were present: Mayor Joseph L. 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 H. Repole; Elkton Police Chief William E. Ryan; Department of Public Works Director J. Daniel Handley; Zoning Administrator J. Craig Trostle, Jr.; Administration Office Secretary L. Michelle Henson and Town Attorney H. Norman Wilson, Jr., Esquire.

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

Presentation of Certificate of Special Recognition

A Certificate of Special Recognition was presented to Mr. J. Craig Trostle, Jr., Zoning Administrator, acknowledging his 30 years of service to the citizens of Elkton.

ACTION: The minutes of the February 6, 2013 meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hicks 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 Jablonski and approved by all present.

Severn Trent Environmental Services

Water / Wastewater Treatment Services Report – Months of December 2012 and January 2013

Mr. Ken Benner, Area Manager, presented the Water/Wastewater Treatment Services report for the months of December 2012 and January 2013. A copy of the report was placed in the record of the minutes.

Mr. Benner stated all monitoring reports for the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) were completed and submitted to regulatory agencies.

Mayor Fisona questioned the status of improvements in water pressure at the Singerly Fire Department facility (Singerly).

Mr. Benner stated he previously met with Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Dan Handley and KCI Technologies (KCI), the Town's engineer, to discuss the issue at Singerly. He provided a verbal schematic of the Town's water delivery infrastructure, and stated he suggested a solution to the pressure issues with Singerly, which was not implemented. Mr. Handley stated Mr. Benner's suggested resolution to the pressure at Singerly would have a negative effect on pressure in the Elkton Heights neighborhood.

Discussion ensued regarding solutions to address the water pressure issues with Singerly. The Board directed Mr. Benner to meet with Mr. Handley and bring the issue to a conclusion. Mr. George stated he would have Ryan Flickinger of KCI prepare a flow model which incorporated Mr. Benner's suggestion to improve pressure at Singerly.

Mr. Benner stated the flow in several cast iron water mains was hampered due to corrosion, and said the mains needed to be cleaned. Discussion ensued regarding the costs associated with cleaning the mains.

Old Business

Commissioner Piner questioned the status of the East High Street paving project. Mr. George stated the project would be completed when asphalt plants reopened in April.

Mayor Fisona's Report

Mayor Fisona, referring to a request for water service from a citizen on Singerly Road, questioned the status of the request. Mr. George stated the property was not in Town limits, and the resident did not want to be annexed. He said the property was located on a county road, adding that the construction of infrastructure to the property would require agreements between the Town and Cecil County, adding that the cost would be substantial. He said he could not provide a recommendation to the Board at this point in time.

Commissioner Givens' Report

Commissioner Givens questioned if Howards Pond was stocked with fish annually. Mr. George answered in the affirmative.

Commissioner Givens questioned the status of trimming and removal of street trees on Railroad Avenue and North Street. Mr. George stated some of the trees would be trimmed and some would be removed.

Commissioner Givens commended DPW for removal of branches and yard debris in areas of Town.

Commissioner Givens stated he heard about an Open House and parade hosted by Singerly Fire Company. Mayor Fisona stated the event was scheduled for April 27, 2013.

Commissioner Jablonski stated Singerly invited all fire companies in Cecil County to participate in the parade.

Commissioner Givens questioned the status of the Warburton property. Commissioner Jablonski stated the property backed up to the Town's parks. Mayor Fisona stated the realtor offered to provide the Board with a tour of the interior of the house.

Motion for a Closed Meeting

ACTION: Pursuant to State Government Article § 10-508 to (9) to conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations; Commissioner Jablonski made a motion for a Closed Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hicks and approved by all present.

Mayor Fisona announced that the public meeting would not reconvene.

Hearing no additional business to come before the Board, Mayor Fisona adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

L. Michelle Henson
Administration Office Secretary

AN AUDIO AND 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.