

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

MINUTES

April 18, 2012

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton (the "Board") held their second regularly scheduled meeting in April 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; 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.

ACTION: The minutes of the April 4, 2012 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 Jablonski. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

Severn Trent Environmental Services

Water / Wastewater Treatment Services Report – Months of February & March 2012

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

Mr. Benner reported a local farmer utilized approximately 90 tons of dried sludge material from the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mr. Benner stated he and his employees completed Red Cross CPR training.

Commissioner Givens requested an update regarding Mr. Benner's research for a backup water supply. Mr. Benner stated he provided cost estimates associated with well investigation and was awaiting the Board's decision.

Discussion ensued regarding the well permitting and water appropriation processes.

Mr. Benner stated he expected wells two and four were capable of providing a combined total of 500,000 to 600,000 gallons of water per day. He said he expected the well at Elk Landing would produce 300 to 400 gallons per minute.

Discussion ensued regarding the aquifer from which the Town drew its existing supply.

Proclamation P3-2012 – Kids to Park Day

Mayor Fisona presented Proclamation P3-2012 – Kids to Park Day, proclaiming May 19, 2012 as Kids to Parks Day in Elkton. He said the purpose of Kids to Park Day was to encourage adults and children to utilize local and national parks.

ACTION: Proclamation P3-2012 – Kids to Park Day was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hicks and approved by all present.

Public Hearing – Resolution R4-2012 Union Hospital of Cecil County Refinancing Bond Issuance

Ms. Cheryl O'Donnell Guth, Partner, McGuire Woods LLP

Mayor Fisona declared the Public Hearing open at 7:20 p.m.

Ms. Cheryl O'Donnell Guth was introduced to the Board. She stated she represented Union Hospital of Cecil County in regards to refinancing of previously issued bonds, and had requested the Town's assistance in obtaining a lower interest rate. She said the Internal Revenue Service Code required a Public Hearing in order for the Board to approve of the support via Resolution.

Mayor Fisona queried the audience for comments regarding Resolution R4-2012. Hearing no comments from the audience, Mayor Fisona queried the Board for comments regarding Resolution R4-2012. Hearing no comments, Mayor Fisona declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:22 p.m.

ACTION: Resolution R4-2012 Union Hospital of Cecil County Refinancing Bond Issue 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

Mr. George stated he distributed a draft copy of a Vacant Property Ordinance, which he would present at the May 2, 2012 Mayor and Commissioners meeting.

Old Business

Mayor Fisona stated the Department of Public Works scheduled a Pollution Prevention Day event on Saturday April 21, 2012 at 209 Blue Ball Avenue in Elkton.

Commissioner Jablonski requested an update regarding zoning amendments pertaining to clinics.

Commissioner Piner, referring to the Board's decision to move forward in developing a Community/Recreation Center, questioned if the Board was going to visit other facilities in Harford County. Mayor Fisona stated he suggested a tour of other facilities to obtain a perspective of designs from other municipalities. Commissioner Hicks stated the project should be developed in phases in order to keep costs to a minimum.

Commissioner Hicks, referring to a direct mailing containing information about Town Codes, Municipal Election, Elkton Alliance events, Trash & Recycling, and Parks & Recreation, commended the community outreach.

Mayor Fisona's Report

Mayor Fisona expressed sympathy regarding the recent death of former Maryland State Senator William Baker.

Mayor Fisona questioned if administration of the Grease Inspection Program had been transferred to the Department of Public Works. Mr. George stated he would confirm if the transfer had taken place.

Mayor Fisona, referring to continual dumping of trash at Cow Lane, requested increased enforcement in the area.

Mayor Fisona stated he received notice that the Maryland General Assembly tentatively funded several projects in Cecil County, including \$100,000 for renovations at Thomson Estates Elementary School and \$24,000 for a dog park in Meadow Park.

Commissioner Jablonski's Report

Commissioner Jablonski requested additional signage at the crosswalk near the Senior Apartments on High Street.

Commissioner Piner's Report

Commissioner Piner stated he would rather pursue funding for a neighborhood park rather than a dog park.

Commissioner Givens' Report

Commissioner Givens asked if anyone could provide the date when the Amtrak tunnel was closed in Elkton.

Public Comment

Mr. Wes Walker, representing the Greater Elkton Jaycees, stated the group planned to hold a music festival on June 30, 2012 on property located near Muddy Lane. He referred to the property as the former Bingo Truck Stop.

Discussion ensued regarding the planned event. Mr. George stated the property was privately owned and stated the use of the parcel was between the owner and the Jaycees.

Mr. David Fordyce requested additional enforcement of public drunkenness and littering. He stated several people used a retaining wall near his home to loiter and drink alcohol. Mr. Fordyce said he consistently reported the behavior via 911.

Mr. Fordyce stated he was able to photograph the license plate of a truck from which trash was dumped onto Mackall Street. He provided a copy of the photograph and requested that a notice be sent to the owner.

Motion for a Closed Meeting

ACTION: Pursuant to State Government Article § 10-508 to discuss (1) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or performance evaluation of appointees, employees or officials over whom the Town has jurisdiction; and (14) before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, discuss a matter directly related to a negotiation strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the Board to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process; Commissioner Piner made a motion for a Closed Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski 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 8:00 p.m.

L. Michelle Henson
Administration Office Secretary

Mayor and Commissioners Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2012

Page 5 of 5

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.