

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

MINUTES

May 16, 2012

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton (the "Board") held their second regularly scheduled meeting in May 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; Director of Public Works Daniel Handley; Elkton Police Executive Officer Lt. Matthew Donnelly; 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 May 2, 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 Piner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved by all present.

Budget Amendment 2012-017

Mr. Repole presented Budget Amendment 2012-017 to recognize the forfeiture of \$1,500 in seized funds and the use of those funds for Undercover Police operations.

ACTION: Budget Amendment 2012-017 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jablonski. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Givens and approved by all present.

Proclamation P4-2012 – Relay for Life Day

Mayor Fisona presented Proclamation P4-2012 Relay for Life Day for approval, a copy of which was read and placed in the record of the minutes.

Ms. Lois Capone, Relay for Life Co-chair, expressed appreciation to the Board for the Proclamation, and invited the Board to the Relay for Life event at Elkton High School on June 1, 2012.

Public Hearing – Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Budget

Mayor Fisona declared the Public Hearing open at 7:06 p.m.

Mayor Fisona queried the audience for comments regarding the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget.

Mr. Robert Litzenberg questioned why overtime was increased for certain departments but decreased for the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Litzenberg questioned the costs associated with replacement vehicles for the Elkton Police Department, Department of Public Works, and the Planning & Zoning Department.

Mr. Litzenberg questioned the costs associated with equipment costs for Police vehicles.

Mr. Litzenberg requested increased enforcement in the downtown area.

Hearing no additional comments, Mayor Fisona declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:18 p.m.

Mayor Fisona requested a motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget for introduction purposes

ACTION: The request to accept the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Piner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hicks and approved by all present.

Presentation of Vac Truck Safety & Operating Training Grant

Mr. Tim Ailsworth, Executive Director, Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) introduced himself to the Board.

Mr. Ailsworth stated LGIT was created in 1987 by the Maryland Association of Counties and the Maryland Municipal League. He stated LGIT offered training and risk management courses to its owner-membership, which included the Town of Elkton.

Mr. Ailsworth stated the purpose of his appearance was to present a \$1,000 Vac Truck Safety & Operating Training Grant to the Department of Public Works.

Town Administrator's Report

Ordinance 3-2012 Police Pension Plan Amended-Presented for Adoption

Mr. George presented Ordinance 3-2012 – Police Pension Plan Amended, for adoption. He stated the Board approved Ordinance 3-2012 for introduction at the May 2, 2012 meeting, and read a synopsis of the ordinance, a copy of which was placed in the record of the minutes.

ACTION: Ordinance 3-2012 – Police Pension Plan Amended was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved by all present.

Old Business

Mayor Fisona stated signalization upgrades at the intersection of Routes 213 and 40 would commence in approximately 1 week, with a projected completion in about a month.

Mayor Fisona stated the Board recently toured Parks & Recreation facilities in Havre de Grace and Bel Air, adding that the Boys & Girls Club shared the facilities. Commissioner Givens added the facilities also accommodated senior citizen activities.

Mayor Fisona's Report

Mayor Fisona announced the resignation of Mr. Duane Pease from the Housing Authority Board, and requested nominees for a replacement from the Board.

Mayor Fisona stated the Cecil County Commissioners cut a \$5,000 Town of Elkton Crossing Guard Grant from the county budget. Mayor Fisona stated he successfully lobbied the Commissioners for the return of the grant. However, this would be the last year of Crossing Guard funding assistance from Cecil County.

Mayor Fisona stated Ms. Laura Brown, Human Resources Director, informed him that CPR training for Town staff would cost \$90 per employee. He stated he contacted Mr. Pat Smythe of the American Red Cross and was able to obtain training at \$30 per employee.

Commissioner Jablonski's Report

Commissioner Jablonski, referring to the Board's decision to fund a \$500 scholarship for an Elkton High School student, questioned if a recipient had been identified. Commissioner Givens stated the committee was in the process of identifying a recipient.

Commissioner Piner's Report

Commissioner Piner commended the Parks & Recreation Department for the recent dance recital, and thanked Elkton High School for the use of its facility for the event.

Commissioner Givens' Report

Commissioner Givens requested additional Police patrols on Main Street, specifically near the Post Office.

Motion to Adjourn

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 Givens. 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 7:29 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.