

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

MINUTES

December 19, 2012

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

Mayor Fisona and the Commissioners held a memorial service to honor those lost and affected by the Sandy Hook ES tragedy. Pastor Karen Bunnell, Elkton United Methodist Church, and Reverend Brian Thomas, Wrights A.M.E. Church offered prayers.

ACTION: The minutes of the December 5, 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.

Budget Amendment 2013-012

Mr. Repole presented Budget Amendment 2013-012 to budget the receipt of a \$100 donation and the related Miscellaneous Expense for the Holiday Decorating Contest.

ACTION: Budget Amendment 2013-012 was approved on motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved by all present.

Resolution R15-2012

Maryland Municipal League Geocache Trail

Mr. George presented Resolution R15-2012, authorizing the Town of Elkton to participate in the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Geocache Trail.

ACTION: Resolution R15-2012 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Piner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved by all present.

Presentation of Certificate of Recognition

Cecil County Executive Tari Moore

Mayor Fisona presented Cecil County Executive Tari Moore with a Certificate of Recognition commemorating her election as Cecil County's first County Executive.

County Executive Moore thanked the Board. Executive Moore, referring to the candles lit for the memorial service, said all citizens, regardless of geographical boundaries, were part of one community.

Town Administrator's Report

Artesian-Elkton Interconnection Agreement – 3rd Amendment – Presented for Approval

Mr. George presented the 3rd amendment to the Artesian-Elkton Interconnection Agreement. He stated the amendment provided for a reduction in the Town's "take or pay" minimum, extended the termination date, and provided for the sale of water from the Town to Artesian at a pending interconnection on Belle Hill Road.

ACTION: The Artesian-Elkton Interconnection Agreement, 3rd Amendment, was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Piner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Givens and approved by all present.

Public Works Agreement – Belle Hill Manor

Mr. George presented the Belle Hill Manor, LP Public Works Agreement for approval. He stated the agreement provided for the construction of an approximately 1,000-foot sewer main extension on Belle Hill Road to serve the Belle Hill Manor project, a development consisting of 84 housing units. He said Belle Hill Manor, LP provided a Letter of Credit to cover the cost estimate of \$75,100.

ACTION: The Belle Hill Manor, LP Public Works Agreement was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jablonski. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hicks and approved by all present.

Elkton Recreation & Community Center

Clark Design Group – Architectural Services

Mr. George presented an Architectural Design Services Proposal from Clark Design Group regarding the proposed Recreation / Community Center. He stated the \$148,000 proposal, which provided all necessary architectural services to the 75% design level, was discussed at the December 12, 2012 workshop.

ACTION: The Architectural Design Services Proposal from Clark Design Group was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

Old Business

Commissioner Givens questioned the status of the sidewalk repairs on the north side of East Main Street, from the United Methodist Church eastward to Locust Lane. Mr. George stated in order to comply with Americans with Disability Act (ADA) requirements, the sidewalks would have to be made 5 feet wide, adding the sidewalks were privately owned. He said Town sought to obtain Rights of Entry from the individual property owners in order to perform work but could not obtain all Rights of Entry in order to initiate the project. Mr. George added that the Town had only \$22,000 left in unencumbered funds for the project. Discussion ensued regarding the sidewalk repairs being performed by Department of Public Works staff.

Mayor Fisona queried the status of removal of dewatering tanks stored at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. George stated the removal of the tanks would be put to bid, due to the unknown amounts of hazardous wastes in the tanks.

Commissioner Jablonski's Report

Commissioner Jablonski thanked the homeowners who participated in the Town's Holiday Decorating Contest, saying it was an enjoyable evening, sharing good cheer with Town residents. Commissioner Jablonski announced the winners:

1st Place: The Bakeoven Family – Independence Drive

2nd Place: The Teague Family – Bruce Court

3rd Place: The Gibson Family – Miller Street

Commissioner Jablonski wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Commissioner Piner's Report

Commissioner Piner wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Commissioner Givens' Report

Commissioner Givens echoed Commissioners Jablonski and Piner's sentiments.

Commissioner Givens, referring to the New Year Holiday on Tuesday January 1, 2013, stated the holiday should be extended to include Monday December 31, 2012.

Commissioner Piner agreed with Commissioner Givens, saying staff deserved the additional day off.

Mayor Fisona requested a motion and a vote regarding extension of the New Year Holiday to include Monday December 31, 2012.

ACTION: The extension of the New Year Holiday to include Monday December 31, 2012 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Givens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Piner and approved by all present.

Commissioner Hicks' Report

Commissioner Hicks wished everyone a blessed holiday.

Mayor Fisona echoed the Board's sentiments.

Public Comment

Mr. Ron Waldrop, noting increased vandalism in his neighborhood, requested additional patrols on Douglas Street and Friendship Road.

Discussion ensued regarding increasing acts of vandalism throughout the Town. Commissioner Jablonski reminded citizens to call 9-1-1 every time an incident occurred, saying calls for service helped the Police determine areas in need of enhanced enforcement.

Mr. Clay Smith reiterated Mr. Waldrop's requests for increased patrols.

Mr. Waldrop requested out of state tag enforcement.

Mr. Mark Clark, referring to an act of vandalism that occurred to a family member's car, expressed concerns regarding lack of respect for personal property and the law.

Mr. Kin Gaymon, Ms. Sharna Gaymon and Mr. Leroy Hill introduced themselves to the Board. Mr. Gaymon stated the purpose of their appearance was to provide information regarding the Cecil Pride Basketball program.

Mr. Gaymon stated the program's focus was to reach Cecil County's young people, grades 6 – 12, through basketball and positive re-enforcement. He stated program participants were required to maintain good grades and citizenship. He said the teams travelled as far south as North Carolina to compete.

Ms. Macy McCollum introduced herself and her brother, Marcus, to the Board. She stated her pride in her brother for his participation in the program, adding that he is a “straight-A” student.

Mr. Gaymon stated he wanted to coordinate a “First Responders Community Day” to involve Police, Fire and Ambulance personnel in a positive interaction with young people.

Commissioner Jablonski stated she was the Executive Director of the Cecil County Boys & Girls Club, and said the organization would support the Cecil Pride program.

Mayor Fisona expressed support for the program, stating he hoped the group could utilize the Town’s Community / Recreation Center when it was completed.

Commissioner Hicks expressed support for the program. He questioned if the Cecil County YMCA could assist with support as well. Mr. Hill said the YMCA’s gym facilities were limited.

Commissioner Piner, referring to his previous volunteer activities with youth basketball, expressed appreciation for the group’s efforts. He stated he would assist with the upcoming Community Day activities.

Commissioner Givens expressed appreciation to Messrs. Hill and Gaymon’s work with youth.

Mrs. Gaymon stated Cecil Pride needed volunteers and financial support. She stated she wanted to initiate a scholarship program.

Mayor Fisona expressed appreciation for the group’s work with youth.

Mr. Clark stated he would support the group’s efforts as well, suggesting a fundraiser basketball event between the Cecil Pride and the Board.

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 8:03 p.m.

L. Michelle Henson
Administration Office Secretary

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ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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