

Town Council Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2009
6:30 pm

Rebecca Mann
Lee Collins
Robert Miller
Frank Hill, Mayor
Rich Taylor
Ron Francis
Keith Baynes, Town Attorney
Sharon Weygand, Town Administrator
Valerie Walls, Clerk/Treasurer

List of attendees in Minutes Book

Mayor Hill brought the meeting to order at 6:30pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

- I. Public Hearing: Constant Yield Tax Rate
Lee Collins made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the Constant Yield Tax Rate. Bob Miller 2nd.

**Vote: Aye - 5
 Nay - 0**

Discussion regarding raising the Constant Yield Tax Rate to \$.425.

Ron Francis made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Rich Taylor 2nd.

**Vote: Aye - 5
 Nay - 0**

- II. Approval of minutes from March 9, 2009 meeting
Lee Collins made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 9, 2009 meeting with corrections. Ron Francis 2nd.

**Vote: Aye - 5
 Nay - 0**

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lee Collins: Voter and Candidate registration ends 2 weeks from Friday.

Frank Vari: There's close to 40 sponsors. Rita's Water Ice will be bringing water ice for 125 people and the Pretzel Factory will provide pretzels. He is working on a run through Town to Pell Gardens for New Year's Day.

Bob Miller: Saturday is Opening Day for the Little League. Parade from Town to the field.

Rich Taylor: April 24th will be the first part of Learning Day for the Middle School.

IV. Commissioners' Reports

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| i. Ron Francis | Public Works
Parks & Recreation Committee |
| ii. Rebecca Mann | Public Safety
Charter
Ethics |
| iii. Bob Miller | Water/Sewer Status
Water/Sewer Committee
MES Report-Jerry Wheeler |
| iv. Rich Taylor | P&Z Commission
Historic Commission
Parking Committee |
| v. Lee Collins | Financial |

V. Office Reports

- i. Valerie Walls Clerk/Treasurer
- ii. Sharon Weygand Town Administrator

Lee Collins made a motion to accept and proceed with the low bid from CPR Electric in the amount of \$3970 for the electric at the taxi dock. Bob Miller 2nd.

**Vote: Aye - 5
Nay - 0**

- iii. Frank Hill Mayor

VI. Old Business

- i. Budget Presentation 2009-2010
 - PowerPoint presentation of the drafted budget for 2009/2010
- ii. Update on progress with Old Town Hall
 - There are still a dozen or so people interested. Contents have to be moved. Need to contact the Neighborhood Association on moving their contents. Mr. Collins would like a list of stipulations to be presented at the April workshop to discuss and to finalize at the May meeting. Auction to be held in late May/early June. Town Attorney will look into easements, deeds, etc.
- iii. Artesian Agreement
 - Waiting for a response from Artesian. Council does not have copy until the committee is satisfied with the agreement.
- iv. Parking Resolution
 - Changes to include Non-resident property owners qualify for a permit; fines to be raised up to \$40.

VII. New Business

- a. Information Sign-Responsibility of care
 - i. 4th Street & under the bridge, end of Pine Alley and the one at 3rd & the bridge. It is our understanding (Councilperson Francis) that they are the responsibility of the Merchants Association? Broken glass in the display cases along with hanging hinges. The one in Pell Gardens belongs to the Lions Club and they are in the process of re-doing it now. Ms Claire to check with the Merchants,

and get back to Councilperson Francis if they are not the Merchants responsibility.

- b. Noise Meter
 - i. The one that Scantek is recommending is \$650. \$350 for the calibrator. Mayor Hill will bring more information to workshop.
- c. Alley from 3rd & 4th Streets
 - i. Stone is gone and it's mud and dust. Recommending 2" rolled back top, they feel that the base is strong enough. Ballpark costs \$7000-\$7100. Will table item until hearing from the residents.

VIII. Action Items

- a. Constant Yield Tax Rate
Lee Collins made a motion to raise the Constant Yield Tax Rate to \$.425 per \$100 as discussed during the earlier Public Hearing. Rich Taylor 2nd.

**Vote: Aye - 5
Nay - 0**

- b. Acceptance of bids – Grass Cutting Contract
Rebecca Mann made a motion to accept Joe Tereszczuk because of being a known entity and his past history working with the Town. Bob Miller 2nd.

**Vote: Aye - 5
Nay - 0**

- c. Acceptance of bids – North Dock
Ron Francis made a motion to accept the Harrison bid of \$12500 for the dock repairs. Rich Taylor 2nd.

**Vote: Aye - 5
Nay - 0**

- d. Charter Amendment Resolution 4-13-09.1 pertaining to the Filling of Vacancies
Ron Francis made a motion to accept Charter Amendment Resolution 4-13-09.1 regarding the filling of vacancies, subject to amending it to read, Council shall nominate and select by majority vote'. Rebecca Mann 2nd.

**Vote: Aye - 5
Nay - 0**

Note: Items e.f.g. dealing with the annexation of the 6.28 acres will be tabled. Based on a letter from Mr. Homesley, it states '*that further research indicates that due to breach of deed conditions, the property was conveyed back to the United States on April 13, 1987 by Quitclaim Deed recorded among the Land Records of Cecil County in Liber No. 195, folio 788.*' Town Attorney will investigate further and get back to Council.

IX. Public Comment (not verbatim)

Clare Hazel: Website needs correcting on the boater fees for water and electric.

Ron Francis: I had asked about the Historic Appeal, thinking it was on the agenda. In regards to changing the wording, if you appeal Historic, it goes to Circuit Court. I feel that

