

Town Council Meeting Minutes
May 11, 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 6:32pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing: FY 09/10 Budget

MOTION was made by Ron Francis and seconded by Lee Collins to go into the Public Hearing regarding the Budget for fiscal year 2009-2010. All in favor; motion carried.

Discussion included cost of grass cutting for the upcoming season and reduction of the Highway User Funds.

MOTION was made by Ron Francis and seconded by Rich Taylor to close the Public Hearing. All in favor; motion carried.

Approval of minutes from April 13, 2009 meeting

MOTION was made by Lee Collins and seconded by Bob Miller to accept the minutes from the April 13, 2009 meeting with correction to the date printed in the heading. All in favor; motion carried.

Announcements:

- **Stephanie Garriety-Cecil County Heath Department Survey:** Discussion regarding the latest survey sent out from health department and the importance of returning it by the deadline.
- **Rich Taylor:** Dean Geracimos will be presenting the Spirit 213 presentation at the library on May 18th.
- **Barb Wilkers:** 8th graders will be in Town on Friday and looking for volunteers to work with 180 kids
- **Clare Hazel:** The Miss Clare is ready for taxi service, tours and the ice cream run.
- **Frank Hill:** Election is June 1st, please come out and vote. Memorial Day is May 25th, so the Town Council Workshop will be moved to Tuesday, March 26th. The Historic Commission will meet on Wednesday, May 27th.
- **Sgt Leas:** Law Enforcement Run on June 1st to benefit Special Olympics. Sgt Ellis is the point of contact if anyone has any interest.
- **Barb Wilkers:** NYC trip on June 13th, cost of \$34. We need another 20 or we will have to cancel.
- **Frank Vari:** 5K run: Shirts, medals and awards have been ordered. Needs more volunteers for the end of the race. Asking citizens for more participation with the Town recycling. Call Town Hall to make appointment to pick up larger items.

Commissioners' Reports

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

II. Office Reports

- i. Valerie Walls Clerk/Treasurer
- ii. Sharon Weygand Town Administrator
- iii. Frank Hill Mayor

III. Old Business

- i. Update on progress with Old Town Hall
 - Waiting on survey of the property; costs are coming in between \$3500-\$4400. North side Neighborhood Association has signs and items that are still in the old Town Hall.
- ii. Artesian Agreement
 - Water & Sewer committee received latest copy and will be presented to Council for recommendation. Discussion regarding the flushing to be done at night. Town Attorney brought to the councils attention the language in 5.3 dealing with the annual adjustments that go into effect after the initial term; either 3% or the percentage change in the consumer price index between Aug 2011 and Aug of the calendar year immediately proceeding the calendar year to which the adjustment pertains. It should be the difference between the consumer price index from the preceding year to the next year. Changes will be made by Artesian and final version to Bob Miller by the end of the week.

MOTION was made by Bob Miller and seconded by Ron Francis to accept this agreement with the discussed changes to be included in the final agreement for operation of our water and waste water systems, going into effect July 1, 2009. All in favor; motion carried.

Note: effective date may have to be moved to August if MES requires 60 days notice.

- iii. Parking Resolution
 - Discussion on changes made. This is also an action item.
- iv. Noise Meters
 - Discussion of meters, including purchasing a calibrating instrument. It seems no special training is required. Need person designated for this job. Written log and documentation needed each time meter is taken out and then returned. State's attorney needs to be contacted to verify information received.

MOTION was made by Bob Miller and Lee Collins seconded, that a sound level meter not to exceed \$600 that meets or exceeds the ANTSI standard in our ordinance, with a preference to the Extech HD 600 Sound Level Meter. All in favor; motion carried.

MOTION made by Bob Miller and Lee Collins seconded, that we purchase the Extech MN 57 or equivalent for the sound level meter purchased, for calibrating the sound level meter, not to exceed \$600. All in favor; motion carried.

IV. New Business

- Ordinance 5-11-09.2 Adopting the Budget
 - i. Ordinance was introduced this evening; to be voted on in June.

- Ordinance 5-11-09.3 Ordinance 5-11-09.3 Canal Day Possession & consumption of Beer in Pell Gardens
 - i. Ordinance introduced this evening; to be voted on in June.

- Parking Tickets
 - o Cannot 'fix' tickets. Once ticket is issued the Town does not have any authority. They would have to take it to court.

- Rust Inhibiter Use
 - o To deal with the water issues we have going on the North side. Minimal cost with the possibility of using chemicals that are going to be discontinued. Will be a continuous operation. If we go with an interconnection with an outside water provider, we may not need to have it anymore.

V. Action Items

- Acceptance of bids- Grass cutting contract.

MOTION: Lee Collins made a motion and Ron Francis seconded, that we rescind all previous bids because of errors in the calculations. All in favor; motion carried.

MOTION: Rebecca Mann made a motion and Rich Taylor seconded, that we stick with Tereszczuk's Lawn Service, we know what kind of job we are going to get and we've been satisfied with the quality of work he does. All in favor; motion carried.

- Parking Resolution 3.9.09.5

MOTION: Rich Taylor made a motion and Lee Collins seconded, that we accept Ordinance 3.9.09.5 Historic District Parking Ordinance. All in favor; motion carried.

VI. Public Comment (not verbatim)

- Bill Wilkers: I just hope Mr. Tereszczuk continues to cut the north as well as he has in the past; I've been told that even though we're two sides, we're one town and the north side needs to be cut more than once a month, especially Helen Titter Park and Union Street Park.

MOTION: Lee Collins made a motion and Bob Miller seconded, that we adjourn the meeting at 8:38pm. All in favor; motion carried.

Submitted by: _____ Approved by: _____
Valerie Walls, Clerk/Treasurer Frank Hill, Mayor