

Town of Upper Marlboro

REGULAR TOWN MEETING

June 7, 2011

Approved Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m.

Roll Call: Stephen F. Sonnett, President of the Board of Town Commissioners
James Storey, Commissioner/ Treasurer
Joseph A. Hourclé, Commissioner

Staff present: M. David Williams, Town Clerk

Also present: Erich Wagner of the *Gazette* and various citizens and interested parties.

Pledge of Allegiance

Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes

President Sonnett asked for consent to the Agenda. Approval was given by both Commissioners. The Town Meeting minutes from May 17, 2011 and the Work Session minutes from May 24, 2011 were summarized by Commissioner Hourclé. A minor correction was noted. Commissioner Storey motioned to approve both sets of minutes (as amended), Commissioner Hourclé seconded. All minutes from May's Town Meeting and Work Session were unanimously approved.

Review/Approval of the Financial Report

Commissioner Storey reviewed highlights of the Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2011. He projected that total income revenue is expected to be \$70K over operational and capital expenditures for FY2011.

Commissioner Hourclé motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, Commissioner Storey seconded. The Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2011 was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Hourclé: Announced that he attended the Greater Upper Marlboro Business Association meeting, as well as, Councilman Mel Franklin's District 9 Meeting. He announced there is now a new Police Non-Emergency telephone number which is published in the May *Landings* newsletter.

Commissioner Storey: Reported that the Memorial Day Ceremony went very well. President Sonnett added a special thank you to volunteer Ellen Storey for all her hard work in making sure the event was a success.

President Sonnett: President Sonnett reported that he had also attended the Greater Upper Marlboro Business Association meeting, adding that the meeting concerned development plans to revitalize the businesses east of the Town along route 725.

Business

FY11 Detail Budget Year-End Adjustments: Commissioner Storey reviewed the year-end budget adjustments. He noted that all adjustments were balanced within their respective departments. President Sonnett proposed to approve the detailed budget adjustments as set forth in the document dated June 7, 2011. Commissioner Hourclé seconded. All were in favor, the motion was unanimously passed.

Ordinance 2011-01; Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2012: Commissioner Hourclé delivered the second reading of the FY2012 Budget Ordinance. The floor was then opened for discussion. Some residents raised concerns over employee salary increases and police staffing and out-of-town assistance procedures. It was also asked if the Town plans to impose a cap on salaries. President Sonnett reviewed the Commissioner's evaluation process on the subject of salaries and no changes to the ordinance were made.

Commissioner Storey motioned to approve the ordinance, Commissioner Hourclé seconded. All were in favor, Ordinance 2011-01; Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 was unanimously approved.

Contract Approvals: President Sonnett announced the Town had researched other healthcare provider alternatives which all were more costly than the current plan in place. He asked for authority from the commissioners to renew the BlueCross/BlueShield CareFirst healthcare contract. All were in favor.

President Sonnett then asked for authority from the Commissioners to renew the contract with the Town's auditor, Bridgett Mock & Associates, P.A. All were in favor.

Resolution 2011-04; Approving and Accepting Amendment to LGIT Trust Agreement: The Local Government Insurance Trust set forth a request to its members to approve changing the number of LGIT board members from thirteen (13) to twelve (12). Commissioner Hourclé read aloud the resolution and a repeated typo was noted for correction. Commissioner Storey motioned to approve the resolution (as amended), Commissioner Hourclé seconded. All were in favor and Resolution 2011-04 was unanimously approved.

Resolution 2011-05; National Register of Historic Places: On May 25th, a letter was sent from the Town to residents within the boundaries of the potential historic district asking whether they were in favor, against or had no opinion on the designation. President Sonnett announced the responses that he had received to date. An informal tally of votes from those present at the meeting was then incorporated into the existing vote totals. Out of ninety-five (95) addresses, thirty-seven (37) were for the nomination, seven (7) were against and three (3) indicated they had no opinion. A letter of opposition from a resident was read aloud and submitted to the Clerk for the record. Concerns over the integrity of the information compiled in the nomination, and the vote collecting process, were also discussed.

Commissioner Hourclé read aloud Resolution 2011-05. Commissioner Storey motioned to adopt the resolution, President Sonnett seconded, and Commissioner Hourclé abstained. Resolution 2011-05 was approved with the majority in favor.

Future Town Legislation: A handout entitled "Legislative Issues" was distributed and discussed. Topics included: 1) Requirement for owner information on foreclosed properties; 2) Registration requirement for residential rental properties within the Town; 3) Residential property standards; 4) Residential noise ordinance; 5) Ordinance to provide for fines and removal of commercial signs from roadsides; and 6) Ordinance to provide for property liens for unpaid civil infractions.

Public Comment

Campaign signs on residential property and enforceability of the County's noise ordinance were discussed.

Adjournment

Commissioner Storey made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Hourclé seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



M. David Williams
Town Clerk

