

Town of Upper Marlboro

REGULAR TOWN MEETING

March 12, 2013

Approved Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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: Various citizens and interested parties.

Pledge of Allegiance

Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes & Financial Reports

President Sonnett asked for consent to the Agenda. Approval was given by both Commissioners. The Town Meeting minutes from February 12, 2013, Extra Town Meeting minutes from February 19, 2013 and the Work Session minutes from February 26, 2013 were summarized by Commissioner Hourclé. Commissioner Storey motioned to approve the 3 sets of minutes, Commissioner Hourclé seconded. All minutes from February's Town Meetings and Work Session were unanimously approved.

Commissioner Storey reviewed highlights of the Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2013. He noted that total operational revenues and general government expenses were within an acceptable range of the 67% benchmark for 8 months into FY2013. Commissioner Hourclé motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, President Sonnett seconded. With no one in opposition, the Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2013 was unanimously approved.

Staff & Committee Reports

Staff: The Town Clerk reported that a judging session for student entries into the Prince George's County History Day Competition would take place at Dr. Wise Jr. High School on March 16th.

Historical Committee: Chair, Kate Germano stated that she spoke with John Thompson of the PGCHS about participation in the Maryland Home & Garden Pilgrimage; Vice-Chair, Patti Skews added there would be a Marlborough Day Planning Session on March 23rd to work on design and preparation for the Town's booth. The TUMHC will be creating a display to highlight the Town's impressive agriculture past.

Commissioner Hourclé: Reported that he attended a meeting hosted by Del. Marvin Holmes and Sen. J.J. Peters on February 23rd at Trinity Church. The meeting had no agenda, but was organized to address area citizen's concerns (i.e.; a liquor license transfer request to the Villages of Marlborough Shopping Center.) He added that the Friends of the Upper Marlboro Library will have its annual meeting on March 21st, adding that Josie Fiore will be leaving her position as Upper Marlboro Branch Manager, along with 15 other Branch Managers from libraries in the County.

Commissioner Storey: Reported that the liquor license transfer requested by Osborne Wine and Spirits to relocate to the Villages of Marlborough Shopping Center, was denied by the Board of License Commissions on February 26th because businesses cannot transfer a license from one district to another district.

President Sonnett: President Sonnett reported that a transportation bill expected to be passed by the State Legislator will substantially reduce the amount of State funds that the Town receives annually. Additional items reported on included: 1) The partnership agreement with the NPS

concerning the wayside signage at Dr. Wm Beanes' gravesite has been signed; 2) Met with County officials and confirmed that the Town would not be subject to Mandatory Review for the Town Hall Addition project; 3) The RFP for the Marlborough Towne Repaving project is being redrafted; 4) In response to citations issued by the WSSC concerning a water leak at the Public Works Facility, the president sent a copy of the 1972 contract where the utility assumed ownership of the Town's water system; 5) The OMES demolition request by the County has been withdrawn; 6) The Town will be redistricted from Congressional District 27 to District 23 in January of 2014. He noted that Marvin Holmes will be a new Delegate, along with Joseph Vallario, in the House of Representatives, and Douglas J.J. Peters will most likely be elected as the new Senator in Annapolis; 7) In closing, the president acknowledged several maintenance projects will be undertaken by the Public Works department, requiring adjustments to the current budget. Improvement projects include facility(s) painting and parking lot re-graveling.

Business

Car Show/ Lions Club: Business owner Jeff Wyvill has asked if the Town would have any objections to a banner being hanged above Main Street for approximately 2 weeks to advertise the Cruzin' Main Street Car Show and 75th Lion's Club Anniversary fundraiser. There were no objections raised.

Sub Region 6/ Plan 2040: President Sonnett reviewed the current history of the plan that was voided by the court. President Sonnett recounted that the Town, along with other Town residents, formally submitted their objections and corrections to the original 2009 plan. He proposed that the Town redraft the document to discuss finalize at the next Town Meeting, and resubmit it to the District Council. He also noted that the Showplace Arena has been targeted to be developed as a "Signature Destination" in both the Subregion 6 and Formula 2040 Plans. A public hearing will be held at the CAB on April 22nd at 7:00 p.m. The group discussed procedures for requesting to speak at the upcoming hearing.

Recycling/ Trash: Recycling bin usage in Town was recently monitored over a 2-week period. From a sampling of households, on average, only one-third of household units put recyclables out for the Thursday curbside collection. President Sonnett offered suggestions to enable a more successful recycling program that included: 1) making participation mandatory; 2) A door-to-door education campaign; 3) Swapping out larger bins for smaller ones; 4) Use of clear bags to better identify contents; and, 5) Changing the pick-up schedule, and/or, contractors. It was noted that the current County contract has been extended to November, and that, as of January, the County will require paper bagging only for Yard Waste collection.

General/ Administration issues: An inquiry was made about the proposed new Waste Transfer Station proposed for the southeast quadrant of Routes 301 & 4. Commissioner Hourclé reported that the subject was touched upon at the February 23rd meeting with Delegate Holmes, and that it was acknowledged that there was some kind of a hold-up in the process that may require more review of the proposed facility. Commissioner Hourclé added that he had also attended one of the recent County Budget Listening Sessions, which received comments and concerns from citizens.

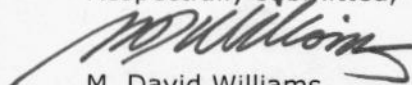
Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

Adjournment

Commissioner Storey made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Hourclé seconded the motion. With all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



M. David Williams
Town Clerk

