

Town of Upper Marlboro

REGULAR TOWN MEETING

May 14, 2013

Approved Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 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 that the 3rd line item under the Business heading of the Agenda be tabled until the next Town Meeting so as to keep the meeting from running overtime. Both Commissioners consented to the Agenda as amended. The minutes from the April 9 2013 Regular Town Meeting, the April 16 2013 Extra Work Session, the April 23 2013 Regular Work Session, and the May 6 2013 Extra Town Meeting were summarized by Commissioner Hourclé. In accordance with State Government Article 10-508(a), Commissioner Hourclé delivered a statement on the closed segment of the April 16, 2013 Extra Work Session, noting that all three commissioners were present, and that the topics of discussion were individual performance evaluations, promotions and employee compensation. Commissioner Storey motioned to approve all 4 sets of minutes, Commissioner Hourclé seconded the motion. With no one in opposition, the minutes from the April 9th, April 16th, April 23rd and May 6th meetings were unanimously approved.

Commissioner Storey reviewed highlights of the Treasurer's Report as of April 30, 2013. He noted that total operational revenues and general government expenses were within an acceptable range of the 83% benchmark for 10 months into FY2013. Commissioner Hourclé motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, Commissioner Storey seconded. The Treasurer's Report as of April 30, 2013 was unanimously approved.

Reports

Historical Committee: Vice-Chair, Patti Skews reminded everyone of the next TUMHC Quarterly Meeting & Archiving Session which will be held back-to-back on Saturday, May 18th starting at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Hourclé: Reported that it was difficult to determine a final headcount of visitors to the Marlborough Day Festival since there was a mid-day graduation ceremony at The Show Place Arena. A citizen asked why Old Mill Road had been closed off, and Commissioner Hourclé said he would be following up on this inquiry and other reported issues with access to the Post Office and the Firehouse.

Commissioner Storey: Reminded the group in attendance of the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony scheduled for 10 a.m., Monday, May 27th at the Town Hall.

President Sonnett: President Sonnett said that the Town needs to create a workgroup to finalize the Town's Sustainable Community application. The workgroup should be made up of a cross-section of stakeholders within the community, such as: elected officials; home owners; property owners; business owners; County officials; etc. He added that, at the same time, a Town Advisory Committee should also be formed to help oversee the Town Hall Addition Project. President Sonnett also reported: 1) Have received confirmation that the Rte 725 Sidewalk Project will be done in the fall at no cost to the Town; 2) Park Police officials have stated that they made some changes to the Graduation Ceremony schedules and procedures to help ease traffic congestion; 3) The Marlborough Towne Repaving Project is almost ready to go out for bid; and, 4) President Sonnett thanked Commissioner Hourclé, the Town Historical Committee and volunteers for all the hard work they put into the Marlborough Day Festival.

Business

Ordinance 2013-01 FY 2014 Budget (introduction): In accordance with the Town Charter, Section 82-40, President Sonnett introduced the Town Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2014. He reviewed the revenues and expenditures under Sections 1 and 2, and stated that the ordinance would be read aloud in its entirety at the June Town Meeting. A few date related errors were noted by the Clerk.

Commissioner Storey reviewed the FY14 Detailed Budget, noting a one-time increase in State Highway User Fee revenue, a slight increase in waste disposal fees, a decrease in Public Works hours and an increase in costs for healthcare due to initial start-up funding. Commissioner Hourclé noted that all "Health Benefits" figures had been relocated together under General Government, as line item 8215.

Resolution 2013-03 Health Cooperative/Membership Agreement: President Sonnett explained the details of the Maryland Local Government Health Cooperative that the Town has been looking into. He read aloud the resolution in its entirety, which is required in order to enter into the 2-year agreement. Commissioner Hourclé requested the Town's name be specified in the third paragraph on page one. He then motioned to approve the resolution as amended, Commissioner Storey seconded the motion. With no one in opposition, Resolution 2013-03 was unanimously adopted.

Resolution 2013-02 (to join the I-Net): The resolution to adopt amended I-Net Committee Bylaws was read aloud in its entirety by Commissioner Hourclé. He also delivered a detailed explanation of the Attachments A and B, highlighting some of the differences from the Town's current franchise agreement. President Sonnett delivered a short history of the negotiations and recommended the service as a useful tool for the future. Commissioner Hourclé motioned to approve the resolution and Commissioner Storey seconded the motion. With no one in opposition, Resolution 2013-02 was unanimously approved.

Marlborough Day 2013 Donation: With funds already appropriated in the FY2013 Budget, Commissioner Storey motioned to approve a \$200 donation to the Marlborough Day Committee for the 2013 Marlborough Day Festival. With Commissioner Hourclé abstaining, President Sonnett seconded the motion. The donation was authorized by a majority vote of 2 with 1 abstention.

General/Administration issues: President Sonnett reviewed date changes for the upcoming May Work Session and June Town Meeting. Because of a previous commitment, the May Work Session will be moved to Friday the 31st and the June Town Meeting will be pushed back a week to June 4th in order to have the budget's effective date fall before July 1st (the start date for Fiscal Year 2014).

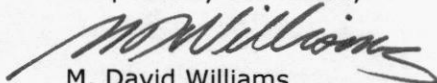
Public Comment

A resident complained that the grass height inside the Beanes' cemetery was very high and unsightly on Marlborough Day. President Sonnett said that a recent maintenance and restoration agreement had the Park and Planning Department in possession of a key to the enclosure, and that the Town will contact the appropriate personnel to resolve the issue of upkeep. Other topics discussed included: 1) the proposed Town Hall Addition project (clarification of line item #8240 of the FY14 Detailed Budget); 2) A suggestion to use Town reserves to pay for resident real estate taxes; 3) kudos for the Commissioner's professional commitment, efficient Town staff, and recent Town beautification efforts; 4) ongoing municipal infractions, such as, kids on bikes in the streets, a hoarder and an unregistered vehicle on Rectory Lane, plus, a trailer with campaign ads parked on a residential property on Old Crain Highway; 5) a suggestion to oppose the Town Hall addition in the upcoming Town Election; and, 6) support for the expansion of the Town Hall. President Sonnett stated that the hoarding issue is now before the courts, and that he will follow up with the Town Police Chief concerning the other infractions.

Adjournment

Commissioner Storey made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Hourclé seconded the motion. With all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



M. David Williams
Town Clerk

