

# Town of Upper Marlboro

## REGULAR TOWN MEETING

May 12, 2015

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  
Larissa A. Ferrer, Commissioner

Staff present: M. David Williams, Town Clerk

Also present: Gabrielle Peace, Renee Peace-Carr, Antonia Carr, various citizens and interested parties.

### Pledge of Allegiance

President Sonnett asked for consent to the Agenda. Approval was granted by all Commissioners present.

### Presentation

Every year, the Maryland Municipal League (MML) hosts an Essay Contest for Maryland 4<sup>th</sup> graders entitled "*If I were Mayor, I would . . .*" as a community outreach program to help educate the public about municipal government. Antonia Carr from Barak Obama Elementary School in Upper Marlboro was this year's winner for MML District 9, and was invited by the Board to attend the Town Meeting to receive a special Town Citation for her achievement. President Sonnett read aloud the Citation to Antonia, and her mother and grandmother thanked the Town by saying the event "was so special".

### Approval of Meeting Minutes & Financial Reports

The Town Meeting minutes from April 13, 2015 and the Work Session minutes from April 28, 2015 were acknowledged by the Board as reviewed. One minor edit was noted by the Clerk. Commissioner Storey motioned to approve both sets of minutes as amended, Commissioner Ferrer seconded. All minutes from April's Town Meeting and Work Session were unanimously approved.

Commissioner Storey reviewed highlights of the Treasurer's Report as of April 30, 2015. He noted that total operational revenues and general government expenses were within an acceptable range of the 83 percent benchmark for 10 months into FY2015. He noted that with more Income Taxes due within the next month or so, the Town expects to realize a surplus for FY2015. He also noted that the largest portion of Total Capital Outlay for General Government Expenses (line item 8240/Town Hall Addition) was low, which in turn, brought down the "Total General Government" calculation to only 46.1 percent. Commissioner Ferrer motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, President Sonnett seconded. The Treasurer's Report as of April 30, 2015 was unanimously approved.

### Reports

Staff/Committees: Brian Callicott of the Town Historical Committee reported that the next Archiving Session will be on May 16<sup>th</sup>. He recapped their last Archiving Session visit by Jessie Frazier of the Union United Methodist Church, and, the TUMHC's visit to the old bowling lanes in the basement of the RDA building on Main Street that recently suffered a wall collapse. He said the Committee is delighted to have scans of Union United's documented history for the Town Archives, and a little saddened at the same time, that the old Main Street bowling alley will probably be removed from the RDA building as it undergoes repairs. He added that RDA owner, Ben Robertson, donated a duckpin bowling ball to the Town, and that he hopes to collect more photos and stories to create a display to chronological life in the 50s and 60s in Town. TUMHC member, Linda Pennoyer, said she posted the Bowling Alley story on a Facebook page entitled "I Grew Up in Upper Marlboro" and received a reply from someone whose father was a pin-setter there. She added she would be contacting them and others who frequent the page.

Commissioner Ferrer: Reported that she attended the Small Business Administration (SBA) presentation on May 11, regarding opportunities for women in Federal contracting.