

Town of Upper Marlboro

REGULAR TOWN MEETING

January 16, 2018

Approved Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m.

Roll Call: Tonga Turner, President of the Board of Town Commissioners;
Wanda Leonard, Commissioner; Linda Pennoyer, Commissioner/Treasurer

Staff present: M. David Williams, Town Clerk/Administrator; SCW Chair Steve Sonnett; TUMHC Chair Brian Callicott; BoSE Judge Joseph Hourclé; and, UMPD Chief Calvin Washington.

Also present: MVFD Chief Robert Beavers and staff, plus various citizens and interested parties.

Pledge of Allegiance/Approval of the Agenda

President Turner asked the Board for their consent to the Agenda. Approval was granted by all Commissioners present.

Announcements

Certification of Election Results: The Town Clerk read aloud the results of the January 8, 2018 General Election, as certified by the Board of Supervisors of Elections (BoSE), to be entered into the record.

- Voter count: Total voter attendance-97; Total absentee ballots-4; Total ballots cast-101.
- Tabulation of votes (in alphabetical order): Wanda M. Leonard- 63; Linda Pennoyer- 57; Evelyn Stevens- 42; James Storey- 46; Tonga Y. Turner- 73; write-in candidates- 0.

Board positions: President Turner motioned to nominate Linda Pennoyer as Treasurer, Commissioner Leonard seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. The President then administered the Oath of Office to swear-in Commissioner Linda Pennoyer as Treasurer for the 2018-2019 term of office.

At this point, the President entertained a point of order to accept the certification of the 2018 Election results. Commissioner Pennoyer motioned to accept the certification, Commissioner Leonard seconded. Approval to accept the certification as provided by the BoSE was unanimous.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the December 12, 2017 Regular Town Meeting, the December 19, 2017 Work Session and the January 15, 2018 Organizational Meeting were acknowledged by the Board as reviewed. President Turner noted that the previous Board Commissioners had informally approved of the December Regular Town Meeting and Work Session minutes prior to this meeting, and then asked for the board's approval to vote to accept those findings, plus, approve January's Organizational Meeting minutes. Commissioner Leonard motioned to accept the minutes as written, Commissioner Pennoyer seconded. All minutes from both December Meetings and the January Organizational Meeting were unanimously approved.

Reports

Staff/Committees: TUMHC Chair Brian Callicott reported that there was no December Archiving Session but that there will be one next Saturday. He noted that the Committee had a good time helping provide kid's crafts at the Holiday Party. It was noted that the next Quarterly Meeting would be in February.

After giving a brief history of the Town's Sustainable Communities designation and program functions, SCW Chair Steve Sonnett presented the Board with copies of the SC Action Plan, and recommended further discussion at a future Work Session about that and the Façade Improvement Program (FIP). A brief status report on the current Water Street Bike & Ped Trail Project was delivered, and, a brief overview of a 3-year County grant-funding program for Town Redevelopment (CIP) was also given.

UMPD Chief Washington said there were no significant incidents or Public Safety issues in the Town to report at this time.

Commissioner Leonard: Delivered an update on the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), reporting that at their last meeting 15 members received training on the use of GRMS hand-held radios and preparing food rations. She added that one member had spent 45 days in Florida with the recovery effort under FEMA. An overview of the CERT was given, and monthly meeting information was detailed for those interested in joining the team. She noted that CERT meetings are currently held at the Dutch Market on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Pennoyer: Thanked everyone for voting despite the winter weather, adding that the new cohesive Board will be doing good things that the Town will be impressed with.

Business

Resolution 2018-01: Check Signing Authorization: The Clerk explained the necessity of the "post-election" document, and then read aloud the official introduction. He highlighted the amendments made in order to update the Resolution for passage, including its effective date. Commissioner Pennoyer motioned to adopt Resolution 2018-01, Commissioner Leonard seconded the motion. With no one opposed, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

THA&RP update: An existing 2017 change order from Scheibel Construction was put up for Board approval. The President noted that funds had previously been approved by the last Board, and motioned to approve Change Order #6. Commissioner Leonard seconded the motion. With no one in opposition, the motion was unanimously approved.

General/Administration issues: The President said that the Board had no additional issues to discuss, but took the opportunity to thank residents for coming out and entrusting each elected Board member with their vote. She added that the new Board has been discussing best practices for going forward in the wake of some recent contentious relationships, and will work hard to earn back our resident's trust. She stated that this new Board had previously discussed the roles and responsibilities between the positions of President and Treasurer, and voted unanimously in favor of the current Board structure now in effect at this first meeting. She added that the new Board intends to work together for the good of the Town, recognizing the Town's unique assets, while moving forward in an inclusive manner, and in a different direction, with improvements. She invited residents to be more engaged by volunteering ideas and providing input when possible, to help this Board in taking the Town to the next level.

The President noted that the "Public Works Facility Project" and "interior design/Town volunteer liaison" agenda line items will be tabled to a later date, and then opened the floor for public comment.

Public Comment

Former Commissioner and current BoSE Judge Joseph Hourclé congratulated the new Board. Past President Sonnett acknowledged the Winter 2018 issue of MedStar's *Health* magazine that features a cover story on Chief Washington's successful colon cancer treatment through the So. Maryland Hospital Center. The Chief advised those in attendance to heed doctor's advice to get routine colonoscopies.

MVFD Chief Robert Beavers introduced himself and fellow MVFD members, and delivered an overview of the Department and their current operations. He noted there are no longer plans to place a Medic Unit in the Town, but staffing for EMT services will be increased. He invited everyone to come to their monthly meetings which are opened to the public and scheduled for the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m.

Area citizen Al Weaver, who runs the District II Police Community Fire Coffee Club at the Dutch Village Market every 3rd Friday of the month starting at 10 a.m., said he was thrilled about the Town's plans to modernize, yet retain and covet its historic merits.

In closing the President acknowledged the Clerk and Town Staff for helping provide a smooth transition.

Adjournment

Commissioner Pennoyer made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Leonard seconded the motion. With all in favor the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


M. David Williams
Town Clerk/Administrator

