

Town of Upper Marlboro

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 29, 2018

Approved Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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; UMPD Chief Washington

Also present: Various citizens and interested parties.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

President Turner acknowledged approval was granted by all Commissioners present, adding public comments gathered about the Budget Ordinance from the last two months have been reviewed.

Business

Ordinance 2018-03: FY2019 Town Operating Budget (final reading): The President outlined her answers to resident's questions/concerns collected since the ordinance's introduction. The areas of concern included: 1.) Speed & Red-Light Program expenditures; 2.) Annexation; 3.) Hiring additional personnel; and, 4.) The Public Works Facility Improvements Project.

President Turner provided the following responses: 1.) Speed/Red-Light Program expenditures are conditional on revenues received--if none received, none are spent; 2.) Any planned annexation for FY2019 will be handled by existing staff, while overall taxable base increases; 3.) Additional citation revenues from the hiring of part-time Code and Parking Enforcement to pay for salaries. No additional personnel will be hired if not enough revenue is generated to support those salaries; and, 4.) Current Public Works Facility Project expenditures will come out of the Operating Budget and not out of the Town Reserves. If not enough funds are available within the Operating Budget, Capital Outlay Funds from the Reserve would be established, just as in the past. It was also noted that an anticipated surplus of \$88K would further bring down any operational deficit with the Speed Camera Program. The President added that there were no changes made to the proposed budget since its introduction, and that FY19 revenues would be reviewed closely within a 90-day to 6-month period.

It was asked when the Speed Enforcement Program would be instituted. The President replied they hoped the Red Light Program would start in July, with the Speed Program hopefully beginning in August. She added a thank you to past-President James Storey for starting that work before he left office.

With no further public comments or questions, Commissioner Leonard motioned to adopt Ordinance 2018-03: Town Operating Budget for FY2019. Commissioner Pennoyer seconded the motion. Board approval to adopt the FY2019 Town Operating Budget was unanimous.

General/Administration issues: A policy to address on-demand requests for documents from Town Staff members will be established under the Maryland Public Information Act.

Problems with timely delivery of the *Landings* was noted. The Clerk said a monthly "*e-Landings*" was currently in the works that will be posted online with limited print-outs made available. The *e-Landings* will complement the printed publication, helping readers keep up-to-date with rescheduled meeting and event dates, as well as, timely notices and alerts.

Plans for additional Yard Waste pick-ups during the growing season, are in the discussion stage.

Public Comment

A few noise complaints about loud music last Saturday night were voiced by those in attendance. It was noted the noisy event was conducted at the Villages of Marlborough parking lot.

Past SCW Chair Sonnett made note that a general consensus about a definite use for the Old Stone Building would be needed, and that the Town practice due-diligence, should it decide to acquire the

County-surplus structure, to address the asbestos and PCB elements that are suggested to be present. It was noted that certain terms and conditions would most likely be established by the County to bring the structure up to code for public use. The President replied that Town residents would be involved to discuss the merits and drawbacks of attempting to save one of the few remaining historic buildings. Historic Preservation grants were also briefly discussed.

It was noted the County Budget for FY2019 has again drop the CIP Funding from the Redevelopment Authority that was promised the Town. The President replied that in the absence of a written agreement, she will need to keep approaching the subject aggressively. She noted that her research has shown that municipalities that don't employ a lobbying or consulting firm to help secure that funding, are often left off the list of those who do receive County, State or Federal redevelopment funding.

Adjournment

Commissioner Pennoyer made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Leonard seconded the motion. With all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



M. David Williams
Town Clerk/Administrator

