

Town of Upper Marlboro

REGULAR TOWN MEETING

(held at: Trinity Episcopal Church / 14515 Church Street • Upper Marlboro, MD 20772)

March 13, 2018

Approved Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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

Also present: MVFD/VP Jeffrey Beavers; SCW Chair Evelyn Stephens and various citizens and interested parties.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Meeting Minutes & Financial Report

President Turner asked for consent to the Agenda. Approval was granted by all Commissioners present. The Town Meeting minutes from February 13, 2018, the Work Session minutes from February 27, 2018, the Extra Work Session minutes from March 5, 2018, and the Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2018 were acknowledged by the Board as reviewed. Commissioner Pennoyer motioned to approve all three sets of minutes, plus, the Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2018. Commissioner Leonard seconded and Board approval was unanimous.

Reports

Staff/Committees: Sustainable Communities Workgroup Chair Evelyn Stephens delivered an update on the SCW, which will have its first meeting with the M—NCPPC Planning Department liaison on March 21 at 8:30 a.m. She noted there will be 2 meetings per month, one during the day and one at night.

Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department Vice President Jeffrey Beavers introduced himself and noted that the Prince George's County VFD is one of the largest in the nation, adding that more volunteers are needed. He advised all of the new smoke detector law that went into effect on January 1, 2018.

TUMHC Vice Chair Linda Pennoyer gave an overview of the committee's functions and reviewed a list of upcoming events and meetings that the Historical Committee will be involved with, noting the annual TUMHC "Memories & Morsels on Main Street" event is being scheduled for May.

Commissioner Leonard: Reported she has been attending MVFD monthly meetings and noted an upcoming event. She gave an overview and update of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and noted meeting dates, and upcoming events they will be participating in. She added that their Team had recently been recognized by the PGC Office of Emergency Management for their assistance with a building collapse in Suitland a couple of weeks ago. As a County sponsor for oversight of the Schoolhouse Pond, the UM CERT Team will conduct a "Pond Clean-Up" on April 21, 2018.

Commissioner Pennoyer: Reviewed highlights of the monthly Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2018 noting the Town Hall Addition Project was still under budget by \$260K. The Public Works Facility line item is currently low as the project to install a restroom is just getting started. She noted Legal expenses were high due to additional training sessions conducted by the Town's Counsel.

For her report, Commissioner Pennoyer said she attended successful Senate and House Hearings in Annapolis concerning restoration of Highway User Revenues to municipalities in February. She added that 2 historic properties within the Town had recently been awarded restoration grants by the Historic Preservation Division, and, that she is helping develop a newsletter for the Town Business Group.

President Turner: Spoke on the following topics: 1.) Community Policing: UMPD to be patrolling and engaging with citizens more often/ Chief to be conducting a Public Safety Survey with residents.; 2.) Town will host Candidate Forums for County officials running for office to answer citizen questions; 3.) An Events Committee will be formed to conduct more family-friendly activities for the Town/ will be recruiting volunteers and a Chair; 4.) The new Town Hall Addition is near completion and is now a better space for community meetings and events for residents to utilize. Resident input was requested.

Business

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Funding: County Executive Baker, the County Comptroller and Director of Finance have confirmed to the Board that line items appropriated in the FY2019 County Budget (for CIP funding for the Town over the next several years) were still on the record. Ideas and proper planning designs for shovel-ready projects will be needed, and a formal letter will be sent by the Town to County officials as a follow-up to the confirmation.

Resolution 2018-02: Appointing New Resident Agent (Board vote): The President read aloud the resolution and reviewed the need for the change, noting the legal complications and inconveniences of having the Town Clerk solely named. Upon legal advice, the Town Attorney will be named as Resident Agent. Commissioner Leonard motioned to approve the resolution as presented, Commissioner Pennoyer seconded the motion. With no one in opposition, Resolution 2018-02 was unanimously approved.

Ordinance 2018-01: FY2018 Budget Amendment (discussion): It was noted that both Ordinance 2018-01 and 2018-02 were introduced at the February Town Meeting, and that the draft ordinances and a survey were posted for citizen feedback. A paper resident input form with a legislative timeline was also made available. The President said that a Board vote on both ordinances is anticipated for March 27th.

Ordinance 2018-02: Automated Traffic Enforcement (discussion): The President explained that citizen feedback requested that a speed zone designation for Old Marlboro Pike be included. She noted a speed-tracker (in silent mode) has been placed on Rectory Lane for data-collection for the UMPD. Recommended speed program vendors are being interviewed and are scheduled to present their program details on March 27th. Road ownership, revenue shares and problem areas were also discussed. Substantive voting by the Board at Work Sessions was also discussed.

General/Administration issues: There were no items brought before the Board at this time.

Public Comment

Past Commissioner Joseph Hourclé announced that the Friends of the Upper Marlboro Branch Library will hold their annual meeting on March 28th. He also noted that non-emergency calls to the police should be made through 301-352-1200 and not 911. MVFD VP Beavers warned attendees about fund-raising scams purporting to be from the MVFD, plus, other scams claiming to represent major utility companies.

Adjournment

Commissioner Pennoyer made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Leonard seconded. With all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


M. David Williams
Town Clerk/Administrator

