

Town of Upper Marlboro

REGULAR TOWN MEETING

October 13, 2009

Approved Minutes

Call to Order

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

Roll Call: Stephen F. Sonnett, President of the Board of Town Commissioners
George M. Leonnig, Commissioner
Joseph A. Hourclé, Commissioner

Staff present: M. David Williams, Town Clerk

Also present: Zoe Tillman of the *Gazette* and various citizens and interested parties.

Pledge of Allegiance

Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes & Financial Reports

President Sonnett asked for review of the minutes from the August 11th and September 1st, 2009 Regular Town Meeting minutes, and, the September 1st and 22nd, 2009 Work Session minutes. No corrections were noted. Commissioner Hourclé motioned to approve all four sets of minutes, Commissioner Leonnig seconded. All minutes were approved unanimously.

Staff Reports

Town Clerk: Mr. Williams reported that revenue from parking fines in September totaled \$6,605.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Hourclé: Reported details on the i-Net intranet and optional phone service with Prince George's County. President Sonnett added that the manager of i-Net has offered to render a cost/benefit analysis.

Commissioner Leonnig: Had no report at this time.

President Sonnett: Reported that the summer intern (Carolyn Ellis) has expressed an interest in coming back to work at Town Hall for class credit (no cost to the Town). He added that issues concerning the elimination of parking on the north side of Main Street were being looked into.

Police Report for September, 2009:

- 141 Town Citations were written in the month of September; State citations totaled 54.
- Activity: (Within town limits) 2 Theft, 2 Warrant Service, 1 Recovered Stolen Vehicle, 1 Vandalism, 8 Vehicle Impound. (Outside town limits) 2 Breaking & Entering.

Business

Appointment of the Board of Supervisors of Elections: Town residents Yvonne Tucker, John McCauley and Allison Taylor were unanimously approved by the Board of Town Commissioners as the Board of Supervisors of Elections to serve a two-year term ending November 1, 2011. The Oath of Office was administered by President Sonnett with all inductees present.

Budget review: President Sonnett reviewed the Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2009. Commissioner Hourclé motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, Commissioner Leonnig seconded. The Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2009 was unanimously approved.

Auditor's Report for FY2009: President Sonnett reviewed highlights of the auditor's report and stated that the numbers are now final. He noted it was a clean audit but accounting procedures needed to be written down for the Town's Operations Manual, which is in progress.

Resolution 2009-03 (debt policy): President Sonnett asked for the resolution to be introduced. Commissioner Hourclé read aloud Resolution 2009-03. Two small corrections were noted. Commissioner Hourclé motioned to approve Resolution 2009-03 (as amended), Commissioner Leonnig seconded. Resolution 2009-03 was passed unanimously.

Resolution 2009-04 (parking meter rate increase): Commissioner Hourclé introduced Resolution 2009-04. Minor corrections were noted. Discussion included current County meter rates, possible need for longer time limits, the Church Street parking lot and the parking study being conducted by Park & Planning. Commissioner Hourclé motioned to approve Resolution 2009-04 (as amended), Commissioner Leonnig seconded. Resolution 2009-04 was unanimously approved. President Sonnett asked the Clerk to publish an official notice in the *Gazette* and also asked for approval to spend up to \$425 for reprogramming the meters. Commissioner Hourclé motioned for approval, Commissioner Leonnig seconded. Approval for the expenditure was unanimous.

Judicial review of rezoning: A draft of the Petition for Judicial Review was reviewed and discussed concerning the September 15th vote by the County Council (sitting as the District Court) that addresses the rezoning of 14503 Main Street. President Sonnett asked for a motion to approve the initial draft and the filing of the petition. Commissioner Hourclé motioned for approval, Commissioner Leonnig seconded. Approval for the execution and filing of the Petition for Judicial Review was unanimous.

Surplus Property: President Sonnett announced that the County may be willing to surplus (to the Town) the Old Stone Building located at Church Street and Old Crain Highway, as well as, the vacant lot on Old Crain Highway across the street from Town Hall. Through discussion, it was noted it would be worth looking into at least for storage and/or preservation purposes. Commissioner Hourclé motioned to grant permission for President Sonnett to approach the County on the offer, Commissioner Leonnig seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Rescheduling of October Work Session: Because of a training class conflict, President Sonnett requested the rescheduling of the October 27th Work Session to Wednesday, October 28th. There were no objections. It was also noted that the November Town Meeting has already been rescheduled for November 17th.

Public Comment

John McCauley suggested that Park & Planning install an island for the geese in the middle of Schoolhouse Pond to attract them away from the shoreline.

Adjournment

Commissioner Hourclé made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Leonnig seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

M. David Williams
Town Clerk