

Town of Upper Marlboro

REGULAR TOWN MEETING

March 8, 2011

Approved Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Stephen F. Sonnett, President of the Board of Town Commissioners
James Storey, Commissioner/ Treasurer
Joseph A. Hourclé, Commissioner

Staff present: M. David Williams, Town Clerk

Also present: John Brathwaite of the *DC Running Club* and various citizens and interested parties.

Pledge of Allegiance

Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes

President Sonnett asked for consent to the Agenda. Approval was given by both Commissioners. The Town Meeting minutes from February 8, 2011 and the Work Session minutes from February 22, 2011 were summarized by Commissioner Hourclé. Commissioner Storey motioned to approve both sets of minutes, Commissioner Hourclé seconded. All minutes from February's Town Meeting and Work Session were unanimously approved.

Review/Approval of the Financial Report

Commissioner Storey reviewed highlights of the Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2011 and stated that total operational revenues and expenditures were in line with the adopted FY2011 budget. Commissioner Hourclé motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, President Sonnett seconded. The Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2011 was unanimously approved.

Clerk Report

Town Clerk: Mr. Williams reported that he was contacted by Fred Tutman, the Patuxent Riverkeeper. Mr. Williams will be scheduling a meeting with Mr. Tutman to include key personnel from the county and state, to discuss several issues surrounding the upcoming War of 1812 Bicentennial. Agenda items for the meeting will include: accessibility to William Beanes' gravesite, plans for historic sites signs, and site-tours/trails connectivity to the Town of Upper Marlboro in general. Mr. Williams extended an invitation to citizens interested in attending the meeting.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Hourclé: Announced he attended County Councilmember's Mel Franklin's recent Community Advisory Meeting for District 9, which addressed issues on public safety, school budget cuts and street repairs. He also attended a Park and Planning meeting to discuss revitalization strategies for the stretch of Route 725 between Routes 202 and 301.

Commissioner Storey: Reported that the Town anticipates revenues for FY2012 to be lower than last fiscal year's projections and that assessments on real property values are projected to be 11% lower. He added that he would be organizing the Memorial Day Ceremony at Town Hall again this year.

President Sonnett: President Sonnett noted that the Police Report for February was available in the *Landings*. He announced that he also attended Councilman Franklin's meeting and added that the County Police were urging communities not to hesitate to call the police non-emergency number if they see anything suspicious. He also reported that the Town will need to draft an ethics ordinance as required by State Law. If exempt, the Town can draft a custom ethics ordinance not based on the State's requirements.

He also reported on the following topics: Project options for the approved \$5K Energy Grant; PEPCO to confirm a street light inventory for the Town; The Employee Handbook should be finalized by April; Work on

the codification of the Town's ordinances is in progress; Looking into franchise agreement with COMCAST in order to broadcast meetings; Revisions have been made to the Historic District Nomination final draft; The Town continues to review Health insurance options; and, State Highway User revenues may be increased should the current legislation pass to raise the gas tax.

Business

Network Installation Contract: The Town received two quotes for the installation of a network storage backup. The most desirable quote was slightly higher than the current budget allotment could allow. President Sonnett requested a \$200 increase to the line item. Commissioner Storey motioned to approve the requested increase, Commissioner Hourclé seconded. The request to increase the budget line item from \$2,000 to \$2,200 was unanimously approved.

Marlborough Day: Commissioner Hourclé said he will submit the special event application paperwork for approval at the next Town Meeting in April. He added that the Marlborough Day Committee would be holding their meeting tomorrow evening on March 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

DC Running Club/ special event application: President Sonnett announced that the Town received an application for a Fun Run event sponsored by the DC Running Club with the purpose of raising money for the non-profit: *SupportOurTroops.org*. He introduced Mr. John Brathwaite, who provided details about the 1.25 mile run through Town scheduled for Saturday, May 14th. Commissioner Storey motioned to approve the application, Commissioner Hourclé seconded. The special event application for the Fun Run officially titled as the "Spring Break: One Piece One Miler" was unanimously approved.

Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

Adjournment

Commissioner Storey made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Hourclé seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



M. David Williams

Town Clerk

