

Town of Upper Marlboro

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR TOWN MEETING

June 19, 2018

Approved Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 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; and, UMPD Officer Gerald Henderson

Also present: SCW Chair Evelyn Stephens, EC Chair Anita Washington, TUMHC Chair Patti Skews and various citizens and interested parties.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent to the Agenda: Board approval was unanimous.

Public Hearing: *Resolution 2018-04: Re-establishing the School Zone Along Old Marlboro Pike*

President Turner opened the Public Hearing and introduced the Resolution, reviewing highlights and explaining that this re-clarification of Resolution 2018-03 was recommended by the Town Counsel as a precaution to have additional supporting elements to meet the standards and requirements set forth by the State to enable a successful "School Zone" designation. It was noted that the proposed School Zone for Old Crain Highway has proved to be more a problematic pursuit. During public discussion, concern was expressed that the Town's Attorney should have a certification of sorts either at the end of each legislative document, or by letter attachment, attesting to its legal viability with State Law. Accuracy of measurements and the SHA approval process was also discussed. A few edits were noted by the Clerk. Commissioner Pennoyer motioned to approve Resolution 2018-04 as amended, Commissioner Leonard seconded the motion. With all in favor, Resolution 2018-04 was unanimously approved.

Approval of Meeting Minutes & Financial Reports

The Town Meeting minutes from the May 7, 2018 Extra Work Session, the May 8, 2018 Regular Town Meeting, the May 22, 2018 Work Session, May 29, 2018 Special Town Meeting, plus, the Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2018 were acknowledged by the Board as reviewed. Commissioner Leonard motioned to approve all sets of minutes and the May Treasurers Report as presented, Commissioner Pennoyer seconded the motion. With all in favor, all minutes of the May 2018 Board Town Meetings and Work Sessions, plus, the Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2018 were unanimously approved.

Reports

Staff/Committees: Sustainable Communities Workgroup Chair Evelyn Stephens shared a list of goals for the upcoming year: 1.) Hold a "Wine & Cheese Event" to help engage downtown business and property owners; 2.) Hold a "Façade Improvement Forum" to enroll more property owners into the Town's FIP Project; 3.) Assist in the development of an active Business Group; and, 4.) Acquire the Old Stone Building and lot presently on the County's list of Surplus Properties. She added that the SCW is working on closing out the grant-work with WRA, and, submitting the SC renewal application due in 2019.

Events Committee Chair Anita Washington delivered a list of events that have been finalized for 2018. She noted that new volunteers are routinely helping out with the events and/or joining the EC, and that Committee members are already started planning events for 2019. The President commended the EC for their help with the Open House and Candidate Forums. The next meeting date will be July 5, 2018.

Historical Committee Chair Patti Skews reported that the TUMHC will be helping and exhibiting again at Darnall's Chance's Ice Cream Social on July 14th, and at the National Night Out on August 7th at the Villages of Marlborough Shopping Center. She added that the next TUMHC meeting will be on July 21st. President Turner complimented the TUMHC's display of archived historic photos at the Open House.

Commissioner Leonard: Announced that one of her CERT team members was just certified today in Mental Health First Aid, after taking an 8-hour training course through the National Council for Behavioral Health. She noted that the CERT is now comprised of 30 members from in and around the area. She added that she also attended the Coffee Club meeting where they discussed the upcoming National Night Out event, and they plan to reprise the helicopter fly-in. She also noted that the Town's Chief and she are looking into the use of a drone(s) for police department and emergency operations.

Commissioner Pennoyer: Reported on opportunities garnered through the Town's attendance at the MML Summer Conferences. She noted MML President Jake Rommel attended the Town's Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony, a good indication that the Town is beginning to be recognized more widely, and has achieved more networking ability as a result.

The President asked Officer Henderson if the UMPD had any report. He stated that now that school is out, the UMPD has increased their neighborhood patrolling.

President Turner: Noted up-front, that because County Executive Candidate Angela Alsobrooks was unable to make the scheduled Candidate Forum last month, she has asked to come to tonight's Town Meeting to meet residents and answer questions. President Turner, in the time being, then proceeded to deliver updates on the following topics: 1.) Chick-fil-A to be built on Route 301 at Chrysler Drive; 2.) About 60 commercial and residential units in development at Peerless Avenue, Route 725 and Route 301; 3.) Royal Farms at Ritchie Marlboro Road and Old Marlboro Pike also in development for 2019-2020; 4.) Two vacant lots on Old Marlboro Pike (in-Town)-development timetable for 2 single family homes unknown at this point; 5.) A Dollar General Store is also going up on Route 725 near Marlboro Tire, as well as, a couple of other proposed development projects for the same corridor.

The President noted that Business License Fee revenues to the Town have increased in FY18 by \$28K, and that the Accountant will follow through with the County to confirm. Also, she announced that two ordinances concerning Traffic & Parking and Business Operating Hours will be introduced at the Board Work Session on June 26th, and, that the Town's new website is expected to be launched on June 30th. In addition, she noted that the Town is continuing to work with the SHA and the State Delegation to address the funding and restructuring of the Water Street Bridge currently in the design stage.

County Executive Candidate Presentation

Current States Attorney and Candidate for County Executive Angela Alsobrooks arrived and introduced herself and her staff, opening up the floor for citizen's questions after delivering a brief summation of a long and impressive list of accomplishments to date, and, what areas and issues she is planning to address as the next County Executive. After discussing several issues with residents ranging from Crime Reduction to Better Education, she stated she also has recognized the missed opportunities that have elapsed during past administrations to address the Town's Economic Redevelopment. She stated she would be happy to work with the Town on its revitalization program to benefit its citizens, businesses and the County Seat workforce, by investing in the commercial tax base and the downtown restoration.

Business

2018 Banner Town Award: The Clerk reviewed the MML Program's details, stating the Town did receive the honor again this year at the MML Conference. He then ceremoniously adhered the 2018 plate to the plaque on the wall in the Conference Room.

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

Public Comment

There was no additional Public Comment brought forth at this time.

Adjournment

Commissioner Leonard made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Pennoyer seconded the motion. With all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


M. David Williams
Town Clerk/Administrator

