

TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND
Easton Town Hall
14 S. Harrison Street

August 1, 2011

PRESENT AT CONVENING

Mayor Robert C. Willey
Council President John Ford
Councilmember Kelley K. Malone

Councilmember Pete Leshner
Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski, Sr.
Councilmember Megan M. Cook

IN ATTENDANCE

Also in attendance were the Town Manager Mr. Robert F. Karge, Sr., the Town Attorney Ms. VanEmburch and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy Ruf.

CONVENING

At 7:00 p.m., President Ford called the meeting to order.

Ms. Malone opened the meeting with remarks and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2011 MEETINGS.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, minutes for the July 18 meetings were approved as corrected.

ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY.

Mayor Willey advised that a grant has been approved to survey Easton Historic District.

Mayor Willey stated that he had forwarded a letter to Talbot County Council and expressed that he felt it is unfair to have a study group for alcohol licenses and have no one represented from the Town of Easton. Mayor Willey has received a response and he and Mrs. Cook will be representing the Town.

ITEMS BY TOWN MANAGER

Mr. Karge advised that the recommended base bid for the RTC Parking Lot was received from Bryan and Sons Lawn and Landscaping LLC, in the amount of \$159,148. He stated that the Town Engineer Mr. Friedel has recommended approval.

Upon motion by Ms. Malone seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, the bid was approved as recommended.

Mr. Karge advised that bids have been have been received for the Marlboro Avenue widening improvement project with Dixie Construction the apparent low bidder. Mr. Karge stated that he is not requesting permission to award the bid as the project is contingent upon the town receiving property transfers to proceed with the work. The Town Engineer Mr. Friedel has reviewed and recommended Dixie Construction's bid.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, the recommendation with contingencies as articulated by staff was approved.

Mr. Karge stated that for information purposes only, he is notifying that Easton Club East requested Beechwood Drive be renamed due to the change in the Comprehensive Plan.

Discussion occurred regarding the possibility of performance bonds being reduced. Mr. Karge advised that there are no current bond reductions pending. He stated that the Town Engineer Mr. Friedel will review and sign off and sign off.

Mr. Wendowski asked to be on list for walk thru for Easton Club East.

Ms. Malone discussed trees on rails to trails and the ivy and vine growing.

ITEMS BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Jamie McNeal was present on behalf of the Easton Fire Department.

Chief McNeal discussed problems with duplicate street names. He discussed problems with street signs in Cooke's Hope.

Chief McNeal discussed July statistics for the Easton Volunteer Fire Department.

Chief McNeal stated that the department participated in the 119th Annual Fire Convention in Ocean City. He stated that they brought home the Chief Marvin Givens award: Best Appearing Department in the State of Maryland.

Chief McNeal stated that bingo attendance is down. He discussed upcoming fundraisers.

Chief McNeal stated that 2011 is the Ten year anniversary for September 11 and a service will take place honoring fallen police and fire fighters.

REQUEST FROM OWNER MR. JAMIE MERIDA, BOUNTIFUL CASUAL ELEGANCE TO ERECT TWO TENTS IN TALBOTTOWN PARKING LOT AUGUST 18 – AUGUST 22 FOR BLUE MOON SALE.

Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, permission was granted for the tents and banner in Talbottown for the Blue Moon sale as outlined in Mr. Merida's letter of request.

ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Ms. Malone thanked members of Hyde Park for their picnic.

Mr. Wendowski stated that the Talbot County Senior Center website is now linked to the Town of Easton's website.

Mrs. Cook discussed the Fifth Annual National Night Out from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with the pool open prior to the parade.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. John Ippolitto, 214 Goldsborough Street, Bishops House Bed and Breakfast requested permission to repair an 8 X 10 window in the garage and permission to do repairs necessary to the 100+ year old structure as necessary.

President Ford will contact Mr. Richardson for his response and will be in contact with Mr. Ippolitto.

ADJOURN

At 7:26 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously; President Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.

Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk