

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

September 6, 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. Town Planner Mr. Lynn Thomas and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy Ruf.

**CONVENING**

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

Mr. Wendowski opened the meeting with prayer and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2011 MEETINGS.**

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, minutes for the August 15, 2011 meetings were approved as prepared.

**ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY.**

Mayor Willey discussed Memorial Services to be held on September 11. He stated that the Easton Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a service at the Memorial Walk at the corner of Dover and West Street at 8:30 a.m.; The Church of the Brethren at 7:30 p.m.; and an afternoon service at the Church of God.

The Town of Easton is a collection center for donations for residents that suffered total losses during Hurricane Irene. Items donated will go to Greensboro Town Hall for distribution.

**ITEMS BY TOWN MANAGER:**

**APPROVAL OF BID AS RECOMMENDED BY PUBLIC WORKS FROM MIDATLANTIC MACHINERY, INC. FOR A FRONT END LOADER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$109,000.**

Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski, seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried, the bid as recommended by the Public Works Department was approved.

Mr. Karge advised that he has received no response regarding Beechwood Drive name change. He stated that the Town Attorney will draft legislation to consider the change which will be introduced at the next meeting.

Mr. Karge updated on Hurricane Irene cleanup efforts.

**ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.**

Ms. VanEmburch stated that in response to Ms. Joan Johnson's inquiry at the previous meeting regarding yard sales, a household is allowed to have three yard sale events a year.

**LETTER FROM MR. JOHN A. ATWOOD, PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION REGARDING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.**

Mr. Thomas, Town Planner discussed the Zoning Ordinance Amendment.

President Ford set the public hearing for October 3, 2011 at 7:15 PM

**LETTER FROM MS. VICKI WOOTEN, WALMART STORE MANAGER REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR TEMPORARY STORAGE TRAILERS DURING RENOVATION BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10, 2011 THRU DECEMBER 15, 2011.**

Upon motion by Ms. Malone seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, the placement of temporary trailers at Walmart was approved as outlined in the store manager's letter.

**RESOLUTION NO. 5981, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON APPROVING THE DECLARATION OF COVENANTS FOR THE EASTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM."**

Mr. Jim Bent, Chairman Easton Affordable Housing Program was present to discuss the modifications and covenants to fit Ashby Commons.

Mr. Wendowski discussed concerns he has regarding rental at Ashby Commons.

Mr. Bent stated that the covenants would be for a period of seven years no matter how many times the property was sold or bought.

Mr. Bent stated that the Board is asking the council to approve the covenants as set forth.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, Resolution No. 5981 was approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 5982 AUTHORIZING FINANCE OFFICER TO MAKE ABATEMENTS.**

Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, Resolution No. 5981 was approved.

**ORDINANCE NO. 590, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING ARTICLE VI OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE TOWN OF EASTON CODE REGARDING ETHICS PROVISIONS."**

Mrs. VanEmburch stated that the language is state mandated and cannot be made more lenient. She stated that it needs to be passed as the Town is running into the October deadline.

Mayor Willey suggested a 60 or 90 day delay until questions are answered. He stated that 72 municipalities are exempted out of the 157 municipalities.

Ms. VanEmburch stated that if the Council has any questions, forward to her to try to find the answers.

It was the consensus of the Council to ask for a waiver.

**ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

**MS. MALONE**

Ms. Malone thanked the Town of Easton and Easton Utilities in preparing and cleaning debris from Hurricane Irene.

Ms. Malone reminded those present that there will be a Neighborhood Block Party September 24 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Arbor Street.

**MR. LESHER**

Mr. Leshar commended Zach Smith from the Planning Department for drafting a guard rail project response to State Highway Administration.

**MR. WENDOWSKI**

Mr. Wendowski complimented the town employees and Easton Volunteer Fire Department for all the work and hours spent during Hurricane Irene.

**MRS. COOK**

Mrs. Cook thanked the Council for attending the September 1 planning meeting for the Easton Point project.

**MR. FORD**

Mr. Ford discussed the workshop to discuss impact fees. He stated that it needs to be rescheduled for Monday September 26 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, President Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk