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

February 4, 2013

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PRESENT AT CONVENING

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Mayor Robert C. Willey	Councilmember Kelley K. Malone
Council President John Ford	Councilmember Pete Leshner
Councilmember Megan M. Cook	Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski, Sr.

Also present was Town Manager Mr. Robert Karge, Town Attorney Mrs. Sharon VanEmburch, Town Planner Mr. Lynn Thomas and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy Ruf.

OPENING REMARKS BY MR. LESHER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

At 7:00 p.m., President Ford called the meeting to order. Mr. Leshner led the audience in opening remarks and the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 18 AND JANUARY 22, 2013 MEETINGS.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, minutes of the January 18 and January 22, 2013 meetings were approved.

ITEMS BY CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Sonny Jones discussed the monthly Fire Department statistics and personnel manpower.

ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY.

Mayor Willey stated that during the February 19 council meeting, Mark Heckler will present to the Council a program being developed regarding Economic Development.

Mayor Willey stated that he will also present to the Council a State of the Town on February 19.

CONSIDERATION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. W.W. "BUCK" DUNCAN TO THE EASTON UTILITIES COMMISSION FOR A SIX YEAR TERM COMMENCING APRIL 1, 2013.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, confirmation for the appointment of Mr. W. W. "Buck" Duncan to the Easton Utilities Commission was approved.

CONSIDERATION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. GEORGE J. KOSTE TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT FOR THE REMAINDER OF A THREE YEAR TERM EXPIRING JUNE 28, 2014.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, confirmation for the appointment of Mr. George J. Koste to the Historic District was approved.

ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.

Mr. Karge updated on the Glebe Road project. He stated that during the construction, contaminated material had been encountered. He stated that they hope to open Glebe Road to the Amish Market by Thursday.

Mr. Karge discussed the Easton Utilities Declaration of Intent No. 11 which essentially fulfills an IRS requirement. He stated that it requires no action except to read into the record.

POLICE BOARD.

Chief David Spencer discussed personnel. He stated that there is one opening in dispatching.

Chief Spencer discussed awards and the Annual Recognition Banquet which will be held March 15.

Due to recent events in schools, Active Shooter training has recently been accomplished by all officers in Talbot County.

Annual In-Service Training will be accomplished for officers to maintain their Police Officer's Certification.

71 The CAD/RMS project will to go in to effect with the State of Maryland from Homeland Security funding.

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73 Chief Spencer discussed the monthly statistics. He stated that the largest increase is in thefts.

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75 Chief Spencer updated on speed cameras. He stated that there have been 2066 citations issued for speeding
76 since October and the program appears to be achieving the goal of reducing speeds since the citations are
77 significantly going down.

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79 **MR. PATRICK FITZGERALD AND MR. JOHN FLOHR TO ADDRESS COUNCIL REGARDING**
80 **THE ROTARY FLAG PROJECT.**

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82 Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Flohr, Chairperson Ways & Means Committee discussed the Rotary committee project
83 and thanked the Town of Easton for the support. He discussed the program and the ability to sponsor flags. He
84 stated that last year, 400 flags were sponsored and \$13,000 was raised in which the Rotary was able to disperse
85 to nonprofit organizations. He stated that they clustered flags at Hog Neck and Idlewild Park. The Rotary Club
86 views this project as a good community project to remember and celebrate with those that sacrificed those lives.

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88 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, the use of town property for the
89 Rotary's flag project was approved.

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91 President Ford thanked Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Flohr for their work and for the great project.

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93 **RESOLUTION NO. 6013, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AUTHORIZING THE**
94 **EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AGREEMENT**
95 **BETWEEN THE TOWN, SHORE HEALTH SYSTEM, INC., AND TALBOT COUNTY RELATED TO**
96 **THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER."**

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98 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, Resolution No. 6013 was
99 approved.

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101 **DECLARATION OF INTENT NO. 11 TO OBTAIN LOAN FUNDING FROM MDE FOR THE CROSS-**
102 **TOWN FORCE MAIN RELOCATION PROJECT.**

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104 Mr. Grunden was present to discuss the IRS requirement for tax exempt financing. He stated that the
105 Declaration of Intent must be read into the record. Mr. Grunden stated that Easton Utilities is borrowing for
106 from Maryland Department of Environment through a low cost program for the proposed cross town force main
107 water project.

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109 The Town Attorney stated that there would be an Ordinance forthcoming authorizing the incurrence of debt.

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111 **EASTON CABLE COST ANALYSIS.**

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113 Mr. Geoff Oxnam, Vice President of Operations for Easton Utilities Commission presented the Easton Cable
114 cost analysis and the new rates.

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116 Mr. Leshner thanked Mr. Oxnam for providing the benchmarking data.

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118 **DISCUSSION OF A DRAFT PLAN FOR CREATING A WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

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120 Town Planner, Mr. Lynn Thomas gave a presentation for the Watershed Management Plan. He discussed the
121 multiple purposes for the study.

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123 Dr. Doug Levin, Associate Director, Washington College Center for Environment gave a brief overview of the
124 Tanyard Watershed Project. He discussed project goals and results.

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126 Mr. Drew Koslow, Midshore River Keepers discussed necessary steps to developing watershed plan rain
127 gardens, which he stated are attractive and functional.

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129 Ms. Jen Dindinger, Glebe Road, University of Maryland Extension Center stated there are approximately 37000
130 pounds of nitrogen to be reduced.

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132 Mr. Koslow briefed on floating wetlands and the technology.

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134 Mr. Thomas stated that a resolution will be drafted for legislative action at the next meeting to adopt the
135 Watershed Management Plan.

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137 **TREE BOARD REPORT FOR 2012.**

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President Ford stated that the Tree Board Report was prepared by Mr. Roger Bollman. He stated that he would like to keep the subject on the agenda for inclusion in the next packet to see if Mr. Bollman can be present to address the council regarding the submitted report.

ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Ms. Malone stated that she was appreciative to have been able to spend time with Comptroller Franchot on Friday and stated that he was supportive and attentive in his capacity as Comptroller.

ADJOURN.

Upon motion by Leshar seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, President Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting 8:25 p.m.

Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk