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3 **TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND**
4 **Easton Town Hall**
5 **14 S. Harrison Street**

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January 5, 2015

PRESENT AT CONVENING

9 Mayor Robert C. Willey
10 Council President John Ford
11 Councilmember Megan M. Cook
12 Councilmember Kelley K. Malone
13 Councilmember Pete Leshner
14 Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski, Sr.

Also present was the Town Manager Mr. Robert F. Karge, Town Attorney Mrs. Sharon VanEmburch and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy Ruf.

CALL TO ORDER.

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

OPENING REMARKS BY MR. WENDOWSKI AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mr. Wendowski gave opening remarks and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2014 MEETINGS.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, minutes of the December 15, 2014 meetings were approved as written.

WEBLOS TROOP 532.

Mayor Willey announced that prior to the regular meeting, members of Weblos Troop 532 attended a meeting with Mayor Willey and Town Manager Robert Karge to discuss municipal meetings and government in order to obtain their Citizenship Badge. Members of the Troop were also present during the regularly scheduled Council meeting.

FIRST NIGHT TALBOT.

Ms. Carolyn Jaffe was present to discuss the New Year's Eve activities and participation during First Night Talbot in Easton. She discussed the taping by CNN of the "Crab Drop." Ms. Jaffe introduced Ms. Cassandra Vanhooser, Director of Tourism at Talbot County Office of Tourism at Talbot County. Ms. Vanhooser discussed the dollar value of the coverage by CNN. She stated that reporter Anderson Cooper stated that Easton was his favorite site.

Ms. Jaffe thanked the sponsors and gave a special thank you to Easton Police Department's Bike Patrol.

President Ford thanked Ms. Jaffe for the event.

ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY.

Mayor Willey discussed the notice of awards for recent grant applications.

Mayor Willey discussed the budget which he stated is holding in line although there is an intergovernmental lag with funds.

Mayor Willey stated that the Dog Park committee has tentatively decided on a location and will be forwarding their recommendation to the Park Board for a recommendation.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. CHARLES P. FITZGERALD TO BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.

Mayor Willey asked that the appointment of Mr. Charles Fitzgerald be tabled until Mr. Leshner has the opportunity to consult with the candidate.

ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.

Mr. Karge asked for approval of the storm drain bid from the lowest responsive bidder; Mr. Rooter in the amount of \$6,000.

Upon motion by Ms. Malone seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously; the Mr. Rooter bid was proved.

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71 Mr. Karge asked residents to place Christmas trees, without tinsel, for recycling where normal pickup is
72 accomplished. He stated that loose leaf pickup will take place until the end of this month.

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74 Mr. Karge asked President Ford to reschedule the normal Council meetings from January 19 due to Martin Luther
75 King, Jr. Day to Tuesday, January 20 and from Monday February 16, Presidents' Day to Tuesday, February 17.

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77 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.**

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79 Ms. VanEmburch discussed the amendment of the Easton Village PUD's affordable housing component.

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81 President Ford set the Public Hearing for Easton Village PUD Amendment for Tuesday, January 20 at 7:15 p.m.

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83 **MEMO FROM TOWN PLANNER REQUESTING PUBLIC HEARING FOR APHENA PHARMA**
84 **SOLUTIONS ANNEXATION.**

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86 President Ford set the Aphenia Pharma Annexation public hearing for February 2, 2015 at 7:15 p.m.

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88 **ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.**

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90 Ms. Malone wished everyone a Happy Holiday. She stated she has made the decision to not run in the upcoming
91 election.

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93 Mr. Leshar wished everyone a Happy Twelfth Night.

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95 Mr. Wendowski stated that he is sorry to see that Ms. Malone will not be running in the upcoming election. He stated
96 that he will not be running as well.

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98 President Ford stated that it had been a privilege to appear in The Miracle on 34th Street recently at the Avalon Theatre.
99 He stated that it had been an eye opening, very enjoyable experience. He extended his gratitude to the staff at the
00 Avalon Theatre.

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02 Mayor Willey stated that it is his intention to run in the May election for Mayor.

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04 **CLOSED SESSION.**

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06 At 7:29 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Mr. Leshar and carried unanimously, President Ford
07 convened into Closed Session to Consult with Counsel to obtain legal advice and Executive Update: CITATION:
08 §3-305(b)(7), § 3-103(a)(1)(i).

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10 **RECONVENE.**

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12 Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, President Ford closed the Executive
13 Session and reconvened into Open Session.

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15 **ADJOURN.**

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17 At 8:16 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Mr. Wendowski and carried unanimously, President Ford
18 adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.

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22 Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk