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3 **TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND**
4 **Easton Town Hall**
5 **14 S. Harrison Street**
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July 21, 2014

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8 **PRESENT AT CONVENING**
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10 Mayor Robert C. Willey
11 Council President John Ford
12 Councilmember Kelley K. Malone
13 Councilmember Megan M. Cook
14 Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski, Sr.

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

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19 Mr. Leshner was excused.

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21 **OPENING REMARKS BY MR. WENDOWSKI AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**
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23 Mr. Wendowski gave opening remarks and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
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25 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 7, 2014 MEETING.**
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27 Upon motion by Ms. Malone seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, minutes of the July 7, 2014
28 meeting were approved as written.
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30 **ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY.**
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32 Mayor Willey displayed a Proclamation from the Secretary of Business & Economic Development in recognition
33 of the Town's efforts in retention and attraction of businesses in the Town of Easton.
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35 Mayor Willey stated that Ms. Malone will be representing the Town of Easton at the Boy Scouts of America
36 dinner in August.
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38 Mayor Willey stated that he will forward rough draft quotes for the building lots on the RTC property at the next
39 meeting.
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41 Mayor Willey stated that he has asked the Avalon for the names of the members of their negotiating team.
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43 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.**
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45 The Town Manager Mr. Karge stated that the Town of Easton has advertised several places for bids for the 1990
46 aerial ladder truck. He stated that bids will be received until July 31 when they will be opened publicly and read
47 aloud.
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49 Mr. Karge stated that he has a request for the approval to purchase a bulk truck. He stated that the low bid was
50 received from Mid Atlantic Waste in the amount of \$123,020. Mr. Karge stated that \$160,000 was requested in the
51 budget.
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53 Upon motion by Ms. Malone seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously; approval was granted to award the
54 bid to Mid Atlantic Waste.
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56 Mr. Karge stated that he has received a request from Habitat for Humanity for the abatement of taxes. He stated
57 that it is his assumption that they will ask to have all their properties included although they may sell two
58 properties. Mr. Karge stated that a resolution will be forthcoming at the next meeting.
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60 Mr. Karge discussed the Public Assembly Permits approved by Chief Spencer:
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- 62 ○ EVENT: Men in High Heels Drag Race/Beer Garden
- 63 APPLICANT: Festival of Trees/Julie Corson
- 64 LOCATION: Race will take place on Harrison St. between Dover St. and South St., Beer Garden is taking
- 65 in the private parking lot across from German Hersloff
- 66 DATE/TIME: July 26, 2014 – 1500 to 1800 hrs. Rain date July 27
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- 69 ○ EVENT: Short 20 minute “Teaser Jazz Concert”
- 70 APPLICANT: Chesapeake Chamber Music/Diane Rohman
- 71 LOCATION: Thompson Park
- 72 DATE/TIME: August 30, 2014 – 1100 to 1130 hrs.
- 73 SPECIAL REQUESTS: EPD to provide traffic assistance while group walks down Dover St. and crosses
- 74 Harrison St. to the Tidewater

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76 Mr. Karge advised the council that the house at 120 Goldsborough Street that suffered damage due to a fire has
77 been approved by the Historic District Commission for demolition.

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79 Mrs. Cook discussed the parking situation for residents on South Street.

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81 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.**

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83 Mrs. VanEmburch stated that the Planning Commission considered the annexation of Talbot Commerce Park at
84 their meeting last week. She discussed the recommended BC zoning for the entire property. The Town Attorney
85 stated that the Town is going to the County to request a waiver for a five year zoning hold. She discussed the
86 upgrade to the water and sewer classification to W1-S1.

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88 Mrs. VanEmburch stated that the Homeless Shelter decision has been sent to the Board of Appeals and should be
89 finalized by the end of the week.

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91 **ORDINANCE NO. 643, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON TO AMEND CHAPTER 2,**
92 **DEFINITIONS OF THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE WHICH IS CHAPTER 6A OF**
93 **THE EASTON TOWN CODE.”**

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95 The Town Attorney discussed Mr. Gerry Friedel of Davis Bowen & Friedel’s requests for changes.

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97 President Ford brought Ordinance No. 643 to the floor for a first reading.

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99 **CONT’D. PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE REQUEST OF PENGUIN VENTURES, LLC, TO**
00 **ENTITLE THE DEVELOPMENT OF 114 RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT UNITS PROPOSED TO BE**
01 **CONSTRUCTED ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.**

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03 At 7:16 p.m., President Ford opened the public hearing that was continued from the July 7 meeting.

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05 The Town Attorney issued the oath to the audience.

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07 President Ford stated that the applicant has submitted amendments to the plans in response to comments received
08 at the previous public hearing.

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10 President Ford stated that the council will not seek a consensus until August 18 when all members will be present.

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12 Mr. Wendowski made a motion to send the Brant Court PUD application back to the Planning & Zoning
13 Commission due to what he finds as material changes such as in the open space, the four buildings, the change in
14 the size of the buildings and the change in the parking lot.

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16 President Ford stated that this is an unnecessary delay in the process.

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18 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski, seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried, the PUD application was sent to the
19 Planning and Zoning Commission for review and recommendation with President Ford opposed.

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21 President Ford stated that the next Planning and Zoning meeting is not scheduled until August 21. Scheduling a
22 special meeting was discussed. President Ford asked that the community be made aware of any special meeting.

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24 **REVIEW OF INVOICES TOTALING \$1,414,031.65.**

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26 Upon motion by Ms. Malone seconded by Mr. Wendowski and carried unanimously, invoices totaling \$1,414,031.65
27 were reviewed for payment.

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

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31 Mr. Wendowski stated that National Night Out will be held August 5, 5:00 p.m. at Moton Park.

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33 Mrs. Cook stated that there will be free swimming, dinner and a walk around town at National Night Out.

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35 President Ford congratulated the Avalon, staff and incredible volunteers that put on the Plein Air Festival.

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37 Mayor Willey discussed the damaged sidewalks around the Town. He stated that homeowners have expressed concern
38 that the repairs will be onerous. Mayor Willey stated that there are approximately 66 sidewalks that require repair. He
39 stated that Public Works would bill about half the cost of what a private contractor would charge. The tiered scheduling
40 for repairs was discussed.

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42 Ms. Malone discussed her opinion of a private residence having to repair sidewalks that are used for public purposes.

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44 President Ford discussed the possibility of including funding for the repairs in upcoming budgets.

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46 Mayor Willey discussed the categories for repairs.

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48 President Ford asked that the Mayor and staff put together a list of the properties being discussed with the repair costs
49 and liability issues.

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51 Mr. Wendowski asked that pictures be forwarded of the sidewalks that have been designated for repairs showing the
52 different categories.

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54 Mr. Karge stated he will have something for the council to review.

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56 **ADJOURN.**

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58 At 7:42 p.m., upon motion by Ms. Malone seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, President Ford adjourned
59 the regularly scheduled meeting.

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63 Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk