



Town Council Minutes
39 W. Main Street

February 11, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of New Market was held on February 11, 2016 in the Town Hall, 39 West Main Street, New Market, MD with Mayor Winslow Burhans presiding. Members of the Council present were Shane Rossman, Jake Romanell, Rita Mueller and Dennis Kimble.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 14, 2016

Decision: Councilman Romanell made a motion to adopt the minutes as written.

Second: Councilwoman Mueller

Discussion: None

Vote: **For** – 4 (*Rossman, Romanell, Mueller, Kimble*) **Against** – 0, **Abstain** – 1 (*Davies*)

Absent – 0

The motion passed

Mayor & Liaison Reports:

Mayor Burhans: Mayor Burhans reported that there is a tree down at the Community Park that needs to be removed and he will look into getting an estimate.

Councilman Rossman:

Councilman Rossman thanked Mr. Pucino and Mr. Snook for helping with the good neighbor program during the blizzard.

Streetscape Update:

Councilman Rossman reported that the new light pole has been delivered for everyone to take a look at. If everyone is ok with the new pole, the order will be placed for 108 poles that will be custom made for the town and should be delivered within a month or two.

The next partner meeting will be on February 18, 2016.

Councilwoman Mueller:

Councilwoman Mueller reported that Playground Specialist would be providing an estimate for the approved ADA changes at the community park after all the snow is gone. Councilwoman Mueller would like to talk about the possibility of a Town Event Planner for Christmas in New Market and other town events.

Councilman Kimble:

Councilman Kimble reported that Planning and Zoning did not meet in February.

Old Business:

1. NMVFD – Concrete Pad
There will be a meeting on February 29, 2016 that Councilman Rossman and Councilman Romanell will be attending between SHA, Concrete General and the board members of the Fire Hall to discuss the apron.

2. New Market Art Project – Yemi Fagbohun, Artist
Mr. Fagbohun was not in attendance.

New Business:

1. Introduce Green Team Members – Councilman Romanell
Councilman Romanell introduced the New Market Green Team and their mission statement. Their mission statement reads “The New Market Green Team’s mission is to promote and teach civic responsibility and nurture a culture of sustainable living practices in order to strengthen our community. Sustainable living is achieved through environmental stewardship, economic awareness, and social accountability”. The members of the New Market Green Team are as follows:
 - Michael Herod – Chair
 - Jen Runkles – Vice Chair
 - Linda Spoales
 - Richard Stonebraker
 - Lisa Haskins
 - The Faux Group – Pat Faux and Chris Goettge
 - Jake Romanell

Councilman Romanell asked to have a budget line item of \$10,000 for the next fiscal year to cover costs of implementing projects, materials, and advertising, along with the cost of The Faux Groups services. The Green Team meetings are held every second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30pm in the Town Hall.

3. Discussion of January Snow Event
Mayor Burhans reported that there was three feet of snow and our roads were cleared by Sunday evening before 4:00pm. There were some minor complaints and issues with the amount of snow and where to put the snow, blocking in some driveways/sidewalks that were addressed. The sidewalk ordinance was relaxed to allow residents to get dug out safely. There was a question about amending the ordinance to take into consideration the time frame to have sidewalks cleared with a significant amount of snow. The council suggested leaving the ordinance the way it is and adjust it on a case-by-case basis. Councilman Rossman’s snow



blower broke down during the clean up for residents on the good neighbor program list and Mayor Burhans suggested the Town purchase a snow blower to be used for that program. As far as the snow/ice removal, we are still under budget.

4. Linganore High School – Class of 2016 Safe and Sane Donation
Decision: Councilwoman Mueller made a motion to make a donation to the Linganore Safe and Sane program in the amount of \$250.00.
Second: Councilman Davies
Discussion: None
Vote: *For – 5 (Rossman, Davies, Romanell, Mueller, Kimble) Against – 0, Abstain – 0*

5. Budget Amendment – DNR Forest Conservation Biennial Program Review
Decision: Councilman Romanell made the motion to increase the engineering budget by \$6,500 and take it from the unappropriated reserve.
Second: Councilman Rossman
Public Comment: John Murtagh – 441 Orchard Crest Circle
Vote: *For – 5 (Rossman, Davies, Romanell, Mueller, Kimble) Against – 0, Abstain – 0 Absent – 0*
The motion passed

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion:

Councilwoman Mueller asked the council to discuss more about an event planner. Mayor Burhans suggested that Councilwoman Mueller email him her ideas and they can revisit the topic during meetings with Deb at the end of February to start working on the fiscal year 2017 budget.

ADJOURNMENT:

Decision: Councilwoman Mueller made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Second: Councilman Romanell
Vote: *For – 5 (Rossman, Davies, Romanell, Mueller, Kimble) Against – 0, Abstain – 0*
The motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Durbin
Clerk to Council

