



Town Council Minutes 39 W. Main Street

August 11, 2010
7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of New Market was held August 11, 2010 in the Town Hall, 39 West Main Street, New Market, MD, with Mayor Winslow Burhans presiding. Members of the Council present were Jake Romanell, Dennis Kimble, David Price, and Shane Rossman. Councilwoman Mueller was absent. Engineer Shawn Burnett was also present.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Decision: Councilmember Kimble made a motion to approve the minutes of June 9, 2010 as written.

Second: Councilmember Romanell

Discussion: None

Vote: **For** – 3 (Rossman, Kimble, Romanell) **Against** – 0. **Abstain** – 1 (Price)

The motion passed.

Decision: Councilmember Romanell made a motion to approve the minutes of July 14, 2010 as written.

Second: Councilmember Price

Discussion: None

Vote: **For** – 3 (Price, Kimble, Romanell) **Against** – 0. **Abstain** – 1 (Rossman)

The motion passed.

MAYOR AND LIAISON REPORTS

Mayor Burhans:

- The public hearing for the Municipal Growth Element and Water Resources Element is tentatively scheduled for the 29th of September. Town Council will meet September 30th to discuss these two items.
- There will be a public hearing on the East Side Annexation during the regularly scheduled Town Council meeting on September 8th at 7:00 p.m. in town hall.

Councilman Rossman:

- **Cluster Boxes** – There was a delay in starting the delivery to the boxes but they are now operational. There are only a few folks that have signed up so far. Councilman Rossman suggested sending a postcard to the residents in the historic district to let them know about the cluster boxes.

Councilman Price:

- Will have pictures and an update on the LUYAA fields next month.

Councilman Romanell:

- The August 26th MML meeting will be a discussion on recommendations for dealing with the tax equity issue. Frederick is setting up a tax equity task force.

Councilman Kimble:

- Brinkley Manor is replacing the underground pipes at East Wainscot & Rt. 874. Shawn inspected the new pipe. The old pipe had collapsed and needed replaced. Shawn Burnett asked for the material ticket to review what was being done. Shawn will send letter to Brinkley Manor with copies to the council.
- Concerned about the foreclosure properties and the long grass. Are Karen & Bruce posting the notices and taking pictures of properties?

Old Business

New Business

1. Orchard Field Review of Roads

(Mayor Burhans excused himself from this part of the meeting and Councilman Rossman officiated during Item #1 under New Business).

The Phase 1 infrastructure is now installed and the Orchard is asking for review and acceptance by the town. The streets, sidewalks, curbs, gutters and storm water drainage would become the responsibility of the town once the town accepts the transfer of these items.

According to the town engineer, Shawn Burnett, there are a couple of outstanding issues:

- a. Storm drain system at the entrance does not match the computations that Mr. Burnett has reviewed. He is awaiting computations from developer that will show that this storm drain system will be able to perform satisfactorily.
- b. The sidewalk ramps – not sure if they are ADA compliant. They chose coarse broom instead of domed-detectable surface. Mr. Burnett has asked the State Highway Administration if they have an issue with the Orchard not using the detectable surface. Seawright is also investigating the issue as well.

Mr. Burnett will send a letter to the Orchard detailing the above issues. Shawn also questioned who is responsible for the sidewalk maintenance. He would like to have the issue of the sidewalk maintenance clarified by town attorney, Bill Wantz.

2. Stop Sign at Dorchester & Wicomico

The stop sign was replaced at the request of resident to help with speeding and other inappropriate driving. There have also been some issues of vandalism, etc. The police have been patrolling this area as well. The response to the Stop sign has been almost unanimously favorable.

Comments: Councilman Rossman: Long term, is the stop sign enough? What about a speed bump? Mayor Burhans: Overwhelmingly the residents were against a speed bump.

John Czajkowski, 181 Dorchester Drive: Appreciate the quick action taken by the Mayor and Council to address this problem. Anything that can be done to slow down the traffic. The police have been showing a presence in this area as well and have already ticketed someone.

3. Trick-or-Treat Hours

Decision: Councilmember Romanell made a motion to set the hours for trick-or-treat from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. depending on which day the New Market West HOA has set.

Second: Councilmember Rossman

Discussion: This motion was withdrawn.

Decision: Councilmember Price made a motion to set the hours for trick-or-treat from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 31, 2010 unless the New Market West HOA has their trick-or-treat on a different day, in which case we will follow their date.

Second: Councilmember Rossman

Discussion: None.

Vote: For – 4 (Rossman, Kimble, Price, Romanell) **Against** – 0. **Abstain** – 0
The motion passed.

4. Resolution 10-03 – State Share Revenue Recovery

The state has cut the municipal share of the highway revenue tax. The MML is asking the Maryland municipalities to pass a resolution to bring this issue to the state legislature this year.

Decision: Councilmember Kimble made a motion to adopt Resolution 10-03 – State Shared Recovery Resolution.

Second: Councilmember Rossman

Discussion: None.

Vote: For – 4 (Rossman, Kimble, Price, Romanell) **Against** – 0. **Abstain** – 0
The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Decision: Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Councilmember Kimble

Discussion: None.

Vote: For – 4 (Rossman, Kimble, Price, Romanell) **Against** – 0. **Abstain** – 0
The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Butler
Clerk to Council