



Town Council Minutes 39 W. Main Street

August 10, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of New Market was held August 10, 2011, in the Town Hall, 39 West Main Street, New Market, MD, with Mayor Winslow Burhans presiding. Members of the Council present were, Dennis Kimble, and Shane Rossman. Councilman Romanell arrived while the meeting was in progress. Councilwoman Mueller and Councilman Price were absent.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

New Business

1. Emergency Siren Use for Storms and Other Emergency Situations

Seamus Mooney from the Frederick County Department of Emergency Preparedness presented information on upgrading the fire siren to use for emergency notification versus the new emergency notification system that will be implemented in the next couple of months for all of Frederick County. The new system will be able to send alerts via text, phone, and email. The citizens will be able to go online and choose how they want to be notified on up to 10 devices for up to five different physical addresses that they are concerned about. This is being funded through Homeland Security. Municipalities will also be able to sign up to use the system. The entire system for one year will be less than the cost to install one siren. A siren only has a range of the following: ½ mile = tone & voice, ¾ mile = tone & garbled voice, 1 mile = tone only. Tree cover, weather, etc impact the range of the siren. To put sirens in all areas to serve the county would cost \$4.1 million. The new system (Everbridge) will be \$50,000 for a one-year contract and serves the entire county (including municipalities). The Everbridge system can notify residents no matter their location. The county is hoping to have the new system up and running before the winter season. The funds have already been appropriated.

Councilman Romanell arrived during the first item of business at 7:12 p.m.

2. Trash Ordinance Issues – Bob Clark, Key Sanitation

According to the town's trash Ordinance, the amount of trash that each resident may set out is 70 gallons per week (approximately 45 pounds). In the past year the amount per resident has climbed to an average of 55 pounds. This is an increased cost of \$470.00 per month for landfill charges. The past few newsletters have included a graph of the current amounts and have encouraged residents to recycle. Recycling is available for all residential properties in New Market through Frederick County. Residents must contact the county to have their 65-gallon container delivered (no charge). If they have a large family they may request a 95-gallon container. Mr. Clark says that a resident may also put out additional recycling items next to the blue recycling bin for pick-up. The items need to be in a cardboard box or in paper bags. Mayor Burhans made a survey through town a couple of weeks ago and personally contacted residents that had

placed an amount over the 70 gallons allowed. Mr. Clark came out on August 9 to also survey the situation. He said that overall he feels that the Town has done a good job in the process so far and suggested the Town continue to encourage and educate about recycling. He will continue to monitor and notify the Town and/or resident if they are not in compliance with the Ordinance.

Mr. Clark said that all trash that is in a container should first be in a plastic bag and he would like the Town to add that requirement to the trash ordinance.

3. Tax Set-off Versus Tax Rebate – Mayor Jones (Brunswick)

Mayor Jones of Brunswick presented information on the issue of the types of tax set-off for the municipalities (tax rebate or tax equity versus tax differential). This issue will be further discussed at the MML chapter meeting later this month and then presented to the Board of County Commissioners by September 15.

4. Civil War Signs – Howard Edwards, Planning & Zoning Chairman

Mr. Edwards was concerned about the rotting Civil War signs in Town. He has sanded and refinished two new signs. He will next have them lettered. Both Santa Fe Trading & Ory Florals donated funds to have the signs lettered and for the new poles. Councilman Kimble is going to help Mr. Edwards install the poles and signs. He would like to move the one sign closer to the street so that it is much more visible. One possible location is on the corner of the alley by Milo's. The signs should be completed and installed in the next two or three months.

5. “A Day In New Market” 2012

A brief discussion on this took place but will be brought back for the September 14 meeting when Councilman Price and Chairperson Sara Morris will be able to attend the meeting.

6. POS Funding

In 2001 the town purchased land to expand the park on East Main Street. There is \$17,725.00 remaining in the Project Open Space funding and those funds may only be used to purchase additional land. The Maryland Municipal Fund is requesting that if those funds are not going to be used that they be released and returned to the POS fund.

Decision: Councilmember Romanell made a motion to release the POS funds of \$17,725.00 back to the state.

Second: Councilmember Rossman

Discussion: None

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

The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Decision: Councilmember Romanell made a motion to approve the minutes of June 8, 2011 as amended.

Second: Councilmember Rossman

Discussion: None

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

Decision: Councilmember Romanell made a motion to approve the minutes of July 13, 2011 as written.

Second: Councilmember Kimble

Discussion: None

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

Mayor & Liaison Reports:

Councilman Rossman: Councilman Rossman created a Twitter account for the Town of New Market. Councilman Rossman sent out several “tweets” during the meeting on the topics that were discussed. If anyone would like to sign up it is: *newmarketmd2011*.

Councilman Romanell:

There was a question on who to contact for Comcast issues. Our contact is Joshua Bokee from the Rockville office.

Councilman Kimble:

HDC/ARC had an approval for 178 Wicomico, a roof change for dormers, and Tom Hyde from Miller and Smith presented elevations for the Orchard subdivision.

Mayor Burhans:

The public hearing for the *2011 Supplement to the 2005 New Market Master Plan* will be conducted during the September 8, 2011 meeting of Planning and Zoning. The Planning & Zoning meeting has been moved from September 1 due to the Labor Day holiday weekend.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Councilmember Romanell to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Councilmember Kimble

Discussion: None.

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

The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Butler
Clerk to Council