



## Town Council Minutes 39 W. Main Street

August 22, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

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The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of New Market was held August 8, 2013. This is the continuation of that meeting. The meeting was held in the Town Hall, 39 West Main Street, New Market, MD, with Mayor Winslow Burhans presiding. Members of the Council present were Jake Romanell, Michael Davies, and Dennis Kimble. Councilwoman Mueller and Councilman Rossman were absent.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*The minutes from August 8 will be approved at the September meeting.*

### **Mayor & Liaison Reports:**

**Mayor Burhans:** The Mayor said that the annexation resolutions for Smith-Cline and Delaplaine would be re-introduced and re-submitted to the State and County planning commissions. Changes were made to the annexations after comments were heard last year. Another public hearing will also be set. It is possible the annexations will be ready for introduction by the September meeting.

**Councilman Kimble:** The Planning & Zoning Committee approved the widening of Marley Street to make it a two-way thoroughfare.

### **Old Business**

1. **Community Work Project** – The vendor from the recent Community Park work project revised the invoice that was submitted earlier this month. The total invoice was revised by the vendor from \$5700.00 to ???. A detailed discussion was held between the council and vendor.

**Decision:** Councilmember Romanell made a motion to adjust the contract amount to \$4900.00 and pay the remaining balance of \$3900.00 to Hanagan's Landscaping and take \$2400.00 out of unappropriated reserve and move to Parks & Recreation budget line item.

**Second:** Councilmember Davies

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** **For** – 2 (Romanell, Davies) **Against** – 1 (Kimble). **Abstain** – 0

The motion failed.

**Decision:** Councilmember Kimble made a motion to pay one-half of the overage from original contract and revise the current invoice to \$4100.00, pay the balance of \$3100 and take \$1600.00 out of unappropriated reserve and move to Parks & Recreation budget line item.

**Second:** None

**Decision:** Councilmember Romanell made a motion to pay the remaining \$1500 balance of the \$2500 that was originally contracted, and then revisit an adjustment at next month's meeting on September 12.

**Second:** Councilmember Davies

**Discussion:** None

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

The motion passed.

2. **Fire Pond Algae** – Councilman Kimble contacted the town engineers to consult on what is the best method to resolve the algae problem in the fire pond. Their findings said that it is not an algae problem but rather a duckweed or watermeal issue. They are both very difficult to eradicate. A main reason for the development is run-off from fertilizer in the surround yards. There are several ways to treat: bubble aeration, surface agitation, biological controls, and introduce other fish. Other possibilities are to eliminate the nutrients for the duckweed and watermeal (lawn fertilizer), skim off the plants and remove them, drain the pond and remove the muck and other problems from the bottom of the pond. The presence of watermeal and duckweed blocks the sunlight and causes the fish to die. The recommendation from Councilman Kimble was to hold off on any solution and allow WT Ballard to prepare a proposal or RFP.

**Decision:** Councilmember Kimble made a motion to authorize the electric company to put in a junction box for power at the pond and to have WT Ballard write and RFP to resolve the problem with the pond.

**Second:** Councilmember Romanell

**Discussion:** None

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

The motion passed.

3. **Marley Square Water & Sewer Taps** – Mayor Burhans spoke with Mike Marschner, Special Projects Manager at the Department of Utilities and Storm Water Management about the extension given to Marley Square for the water/sewer taps at the last meeting. According to Mr. Marschner, under the fourth amendment to the Water Service Area Agreement, a Multi-Year Tap Agreement is no longer necessary. With the fourth amendment the town only needs to send a written request that they want the county to allocate the taps to the applicant.

**Decision:** Councilmember Romanell made a motion to not extend the Marley Square Multi Year Tap agreement and in lieu of that, send a formal request to the county that we provide our permission to allocate the remaining 15 water and sewer taps for the Marley Square project.

**Second:** Councilmember Davies

**Discussion:** None

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

The motion passed.

## **New Business**

4. **Second Sunday Update** – Steve Pippin said that they had a decent turn out for the first event (July) and an even bigger turn out for the August event. There were more new faces and people from the surrounding developments. Mr. Pippin asked that the Town consider extending the events as Town events so that the event can fall under the Town insurance umbrella. Councilman Rossman is going to speak to LGIT about making it more efficient with possibly a blanket rider. They have a focus group that is working on different activities and are already projecting into next summer so that they can bring a steady flow of business and reintroduce the surrounding areas to New Market.

**Decision:** Councilmember Davies made a motion to make Second Sunday a town sponsored event until the end of 2013.

**Second:** Councilmember Romanell

**Discussion:** None

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

The motion passed.

Mayor Burhans announced that he was going to have a 20-foot booth at the upcoming Frederick Fair (10 days in September) and is offering New Market businesses a chance to put their brochures/business cards in his booth in order to help promote New Market. There are about 250 thousand people that attend the fair each year.

5. **Weeds & Trimming behind Town Hall** – 2 bids to remove the weeds and growth along the fence line behind Town Hall.

**Decision:** Councilmember Kimble made a motion to accept the bid from Frederick Landscaping to remove all of the weeds and growth along the fence line and dispose of debris and to reappropriate \$135.00 from unappropriated reserve to General Maintenance.

**Second:** Councilmember Romanell

**Discussion:** None

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

The motion passed.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Councilmember Kimble to adjourn the meeting.

**Second:** Councilmember Davies

**Discussion:** None.

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

The motion passed.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Butler  
Clerk to Council