



## Town Council Minutes 39 W. Main Street

December 12, 2012 - 7:00

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The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of New Market was held December 12, 2012 in the Town Hall, 39 West Main Street, New Market, MD, with Mayor Winslow Burhans presiding. Members of the Council present were Jake Romanell, David Price, and Dennis Kimble. Councilmembers Shane Rossman and Rita Mueller were absent.

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Decision:** Councilmember Romanell made a motion to approve the minutes of November 14, 2012 as written.

**Second:** Councilmember Price

**Discussion:** None

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

The motion passed.

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

**Councilman Price:** There will be a Live Nativity and a Santa's Workshop at the New Market United Methodist Church on December 16th between 6:30 and 8:30.

**Councilman Romanell:** The applicant for 5 S. Federal Street had a family medical emergency and was unable to attend the December HDC/ARC meeting. This item will be continued until the January meeting. The application for signs for Mealey's was denied. There will be a couple of workshops to review the current sign ordinance. These workshops will include members of both Planning and Zoning and HDC/ARC, as well as residents and merchants. Some of the issues to be addressed: functionality of signs to help businesses, historic nature of town, how far can government regulate what is on a sign, what is considered appropriate or historic (for example, neon is now considered historic). Date, time and location will be announced.

### **New Business**

- 1. 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Water Service Area Agreement** – Mike Marschner of the Department of Utilities and Storm Water Management gave a brief synopsis of the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Water Service Area Agreement. The amendment will reconcile any over allocation of taps and will allow for additional capacity. This will be the final allocation before the Bush Creek facility is completed. The Board of County Commissioners will vote on this amendment at the meeting scheduled for December 13, 2012.

**Decision.** Councilmember Romanell made a motion to permit the Mayor to sign the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Water Service Area Agreement as written.

**Second:** Councilmember Kimble

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** *For* – 3 (Price, Kimble, Romanell) *Against* – 0. *Abstain* – 0. The motion passed.

Mr. Marschner took the signed copy of the agreement to present to the Board of County Commissioner meeting on Thursday, December 13, 2012. An executed copy will be returned to the town office.

- 2. MML Pledge to Support the National Guard & Reserve – Councilman Romanell** – The pledge to support the National Guard & Reserve pledges that: 1) the Town will fully recognize, honor and enforce the Uniformed Service Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), 2) the Town managers and supervisors will have the tools to effectively manage employees who serve in the Guard and Reserve, and 3) the Town will recognize and support our country's service members and their families in peace, in crisis, and in war.

**Decision.** Councilmember Romanell made a motion to adopt the pledge in support of the National Guard and Reserve.

**Second:** Councilmember Price

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** *For* – 3 (Price, Kimble, Romanell) *Against* – 0. *Abstain* – 0. The motion passed.

- 3. Re-appointment of Joe Oliverio to the Board of Appeals – Term Ending December 2015**

**Decision.** Councilmember Romanell made a motion to approve the reappointment of Joe Oliverio to the Board of Appeals with a term ending December 2015.

**Second:** Councilmember Kimble

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** *For* – 3 (Price, Kimble, Romanell) *Against* – 0. *Abstain* – 0. The motion passed.

**Public Comment:**

Sarah Patton, 32 W.Main Street: There will be Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 16. Meet at 13 W. Main Street at 3:30 p.m. They will be caroling throughout town for about 1 ½ hours.

Susan Brown-Barbour, 2 E. Main Street: Recently returned to New Market and is working on dealing with water damage and restoring her home.

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

**Second:** Councilmember Price

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:** *For* – 3 (Romanell, Price, Kimble) *Against* – 0. *Abstain* – 0. The motion passed.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Butler, Clerk to Council