



Town Council Minutes 39 W. Main Street

December 12, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of New Market was held December 12, 2013 in the Town Hall, 39 West Main Street, New Market, MD, with Mayor Winslow Burhans presiding. Members of the Council present were Michael Davies, Dennis Kimble, Rita Mueller, and Shane Rossman. Councilman Romanell arrived at 7:40 pm.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Decision: Councilmember Rossman made a motion to approve the minutes of November 14, 2013 as written.

Second: Councilmember Kimble

Discussion: None

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

The motion passed.

Mayor & Liaison Reports:

Mayor Burhans: There have been recent complaints about people parking on Wicomico Court during a snow event. Residents complained that it was difficult for the snowplow to thoroughly clear the street. A notice will be placed in the newsletter to be mailed out this month requesting that during a snow event people do not park in the streets in any of the neighborhoods. If it continues to be a problem, the issue will be an agenda item at a future meeting.

Councilman Rossman: Councilman Rossman thanked Miller & Smith for work they performed at the east end of town. They dug out an old foundation and filled it in. Councilman Rossman also thanked Councilwoman Mueller, Milton Hart & Steve Pippin for putting up the garland on the light poles throughout town.

Councilwoman Mueller: Councilwoman Mueller thanked Steve Pippin, Milton Hart, Nancy Vibrans & Walt Kuhlman for cleaning Messanelle Park. Over 25 bags of leaves were removed and taken to recycling. Councilwoman Mueller also thanked the New Market Volunteer Fire Department for pumping out the fountain. The fountain needs to be covered for the winter and she would also like to have some storage shelving installed in the town shed.

Councilman Kimble: At the Planning & Zoning meeting, Resolution 2013-02 and Resolution 2013-03 were recommended to the Town Council as being consistent with the zoning plan.

Councilman Romanell: The Frederick State Delegation said no to the Board of County Commissioners' request to establish a transfer tax on all sold properties (home re-sales and new homes) in lieu of impact fees on newly built homes that the builders pay to fund infrastructure. The County is putting together a task force to research ways to gather funds for infrastructure. They would like representatives from municipalities to be

included on the task force. The task force is going to look at area such as recordation tax (6%) and to see if they can change where the tax currently goes. It currently goes to General Fund, Schools, Land Preservation and Parks and Recreation.

State Highway Administration Streetscape Update – Mariefrance Guiteau

Ms. Guiteau gave an update on the status of the Streetscape project. The design is now in the final review. It is about 90% completed. April is the construction bid review and the advertisement for the project will go out in June. The bids will be due back in September and awarded to low bidder. The notice to proceed will happen at that time. Ms. Guiteau notified the Mayor and Council that the crosswalk that was requested at Prospect Street will not be able to be installed due to the grade and impact. SHA is meeting with Wilson T. Ballard to discuss the Marley Street Widening project. They will discuss changes and concerns and the possibility of alleviating extra costs with the new rule changes from the Maryland Department of the Environment. SHA is trying to keep the Streetscape project under the old rules. MDE has not yet given an answer on whether they will allow the project to be grandfathered in under the old guidelines. The pedestrian lighting MOU should be finished before the holidays. There is still one property that they are meeting with to confirm access and SHA will need a right-of-entry for the park. The Civil War signs will be removed and then reset and some benches may have to permanently be removed (Mealey's). Maryland Historical Trust has reviewed, critiqued and accepted the plans up to this point.

Public Comment:

Nancy Fleshman, 2 W. Main Street

Rick Fleshman, 2 W. Main Street

Betty Smith, 11258 Crickenberger Road

Old Business

New Business

- 1. Introduction of Smith-Cline Annexation Plan**
- 2. Introduction of Delaplaine Annexation Plan**

The annexation plans that have been submitted are consistent with the Municipal Growth element. The plans discuss how the property might be developed and how it will be served with utilities, roads, etc. The plans will be sent to the Board of County Commissioners, the Frederick Department of Planning and the Maryland Department of Planning for their review.

Decision: Councilmember Kimble made a motion to introduce the Smith-Cline and Delaplaine Annexation Plans and to authorize the submittal of the plans to the Department of Planning, the Frederick Department of Planning and the Board of County Commissioners for their review.

Second: Councilmember Davies

Discussion:

Betty Smith, 11258 Crickenberger Road

Rick Fleshman, 2 W. Main

Wayne Smith, 40 South Alley

*Nancy Fleshman, 2 W. Main Street
Michelle Rosenfeld, 11913 Ambleside Drive, Potomac MD, Attorney for Friends
of Frederick*

Vote: For – 5 (Rossman, Romanell, Davies, Kimble) **Against** – 0. **Abstain** – 0
The motion passed.

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

Second: Councilmember Kimble

Discussion: None.

Vote: For – 5 (Romanell, Mueller, Rossman, Davies, Kimble) **Against** – 0. **Abstain** – 0.

The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Butler
Clerk to Council