



**Town Council Minutes
39 W. Main Street**

**February 13, 2013
Executive Session – 6:00 p.m.
General Session – 7:00 p.m.**

An Executive Session under the Open Meetings Act Law 10-508(a)(7) was held on February 13, 2013 at 6:04 pm to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter, with Mayor Burhans presiding. Members of the Council present were Jake Romanell, Shane Rossman, Rita Mueller, Dennis Kimble, and town attorney, William Wantz. Councilman Price was absent.

Decision: Councilmember Rossman made a motion to enter into an Executive Session under the Open Meetings Act Law 10-508(a)(7) to consult with legal counsel.

Second: Councilmember Romanell

Discussion: None

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

The motion passed.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of New Market was held February 13, 2013 in the Town Hall, 39 West Main Street, New Market, MD, with Mayor Winslow Burhans presiding. Members of the Council present were Jake Romanell, Shane Rossman, Rita Mueller and Dennis Kimble. Councilman Price was absent.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Decision: Councilmember Romanell made a motion to approve the minutes of January 16, 2013 as written.

Second: Councilmember Mueller

Discussion: None

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

The motion passed.

Presentation of “Statement of Support for the Guard & Reserve” by Jean Hulet, ESGR

Mayor & Liaison Reports:

Councilman Romanell: HDC/ARC held two sign workshops that included property owners and business owners to take a look at the current sign ordinance. They were to decide 1) do you want to modify the ordinance and 2) if so where? At the conclusion of the two workshops the consensus was that 1) the ordinance was fine the way it is, 2) if they want to change the ordinance to bring a resolution to change and 3) they wanted the ordinance enforced fairly across the board.

There is a request to change the wooden sign that hangs below the Antiques Capital sign. It currently says “30 shops, etc” They would like to have that modified to read:

SHOPS * DINING
turn right next exit Rt.144E

Or

SHOPS*DINING*INNS
turn right next exit Rt.144E

They need about \$100.00 to have the sign repainted and re-lettered.

Decision: Councilmember Rossman made a motion to move \$100 from the General Fund to “Sign Modification”.

Second: Councilmember Kimble

Discussion: None.

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

The possibility of changing the square footage of the sign ordinance was discussed.

The Frederick Historical Society is putting together a book on Frederick County and they would like an entry from New Market.

New Business

1. New Market Elementary School 5K Run

Decision: Councilmember Romanell made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the State Highway Permit for the New Market Elementary School 5K Run.

Second: Councilmember Rossman

Discussion: None.

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

- 2. LOUYAA Update** – Bob Mochi presented an update on the LOUYAA fields. They opened the fields for practice in the summer of 2011. There was originally a problem with dust but they have added tar chips and that has stabilized the parking area. Moving forward they are working on Jeffy’s Field. It will be approximately 80-100K to finish the baseball fields. #1 & #1 will have a Cal Ripken look to them. Field 3 will be a 90-foot Babe Ruth size field. They would like to add some amenities such as a tot lot, concession gazebo, restrooms, and maybe some lighting. A year or so ago they tried for a grant for the lighting but they did not pan out. The lease allowed for construction of the fields (horizontal development) but the next step would be vertical development. Some changes (such as a possible extension of the lease) are to be brought back to the Mayor and Council at a future meeting.

Comments: Councilman Rossman has concerns about lighting. Bob Schaefer from the Audubon Society said that he also has concerns about lighting but is not opposed to the vertical development. He would like to work in conjunction with Town and LOUYAA on any plans or changes to the fields.

- 3. Water Tap Allocation for 60 W. Main Street** – The Town was notified by DUSWM that the property at 60 W. Main Street requires additional .37 water and sewer taps.
Decision: Councilmember Romanell made a motion to allocate 0.37 water and sewer taps to Mr. Barney of 60 W. Main Street.
Second: Councilmember Rossman
Discussion: None.
Vote: **For** – 4 (Rossman, Kimble, Mueller, Romanell) **Against** – 0. **Abstain** – 0
The motion passed.
- 4. Re-appointment of Board of Supervisor of Elections**
Decision: Councilmember Mueller made a motion to approve the reappointment of the Board of Supervisor of Elections – Gary Sitek, Ruth Scurto, and Krista Thomas with a term ending March 2017.
Second: Councilmember Rossman
Discussion: None.
Vote: **For** – 4 (Rossman, Kimble, Mueller, Romanell) **Against** – 0. **Abstain** – 0
The motion passed.
- 5. Delinquent Personal Property Tax Accounts** – There are two current owners that have delinquent personal property tax accounts and one that has moved but that can still be collected. A deadline of Friday, February 15 was given to the two current property owners.
Decision: Councilmember Romanell made a motion to refer the one account where the owner has moved to the Town attorney to collect in District Court and to refer the other two accounts to the Town attorney to collect in District Court if they have not been paid by close of business Friday, February 15.
Second: Councilmember Mueller
Discussion: None.
Vote: **For** – 4 (Rossman, Kimble, Mueller, Romanell) **Against** – 0. **Abstain** – 0
The motion passed.

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

Second: Councilmember Rossman

Discussion: None.

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

The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Butler
Clerk to Council