



Town Council Minutes 39 W. Main Street

January 9, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of New Market was held January 9, 2014 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, Jake Romanell, and Shane Rossman.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – *Minutes from December will be reviewed at the February meeting of Mayor and Council.*

Mayor & Liaison Reports:

Dave Dunn, County Commissioners Liaison – The County is trying to get the word out to everyone about the Senior Tax Credit. Only 10 percent of the seniors in Frederick County take advantage of the tax credit. There is a form on the State website that they need to fill out. The State decides the tax credit and it then goes to the County. Seniors need to be 65 or older and make under \$65,000.00 per year. The Department of Aging is going to arrange workshops to assist seniors. Mr. Dunn asked if Mayor and Council would help to get the word out to their citizens.

Councilman Romanell: The MML held a reception for the State legislature in Annapolis. The Drug Task Force (Frederick County Schools, Sheriff Department, Board of Education, Board of County Commissioners) is working on holding several information sessions to make residents aware of the programs and assistance that is available within the county. There will be an information session at Oakdale High School on April 23rd.

Councilwoman Mueller: There will be a presentation on Solar Energy at the Grange on April 9th at 7:00 p.m. It will include information on how to install, whom to use for installation, savings, etc. Councilwoman Mueller expressed concern over the amount of trash that people are still putting out each week. She would like to pursue the enforcement of the trash ordinance and the one can rule.

Public Hearing – Ordinance 2013-03 – Amending Article IV, District Regulations, Section 1.1.12 Poultry as Pets and Beekeeping.

This Ordinance is proposed to amend the amount of poultry allowed from four domestic fowl to twelve domestic fowl. It was introduced at the November meeting of Mayor and Council.

Public Comment:

Opposed – None

Favor – Katherine Berkhausen, 25 W. Main Street

Krista Thomas, 148 Wicomico

Decision: Motion made by Councilmember Mueller to adopt the proposed change in the amount of poultry as pets, Ordinance 2013-01.

Second: Councilmember Kimble

Discussion: None.

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

The motion passed.

Old Business

New Business

1. **NMES Fun Run 2014 – Karen Vetter** – NMES is asking for permission for the annual Fun Run permit. There was a change this year in day of event. The NMES is asking for the event to be held on Sunday, April 27th from approximately 8:55 to 9:25. There was concern that the time of the race would impact the Sponseller and New Market West neighborhoods and Sunday morning church services. If the event cannot be changed to Saturday the event planners will need to come back to the February meeting and present an alternative Sunday route.

Decision: Motion made by Councilmember Kimble to approve the 2014 Fun Run route as written for Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 8:55 to 9:25 am.

Second: Councilmember Romanell

Discussion:

Krista Thomas, 148 Wicomico Court – Suggested that they use Royal Oaks for an alternative route if they need to stick with Sunday. The roads are wider and would allow for a better traffic flow.

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

The motion passed.

2. **Introduction of Resolution 2014-01 – East Side (Food Lion) Annexation**

Ed Scott is asking to reintroduce the East Side (Food Lion) Annexation. It would be for mixed commercial zoning. Work still needs to be done on the annexation plan and annexation agreement. They want the Town to forgive some taxes due to their agreement with Food Lion. The entire parcel is commercial.

Decision: Councilman Romanell made a motion to withdraw Resolution 10-02.

Second: Councilmember Rossman

Discussion: None

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

The motion passed.

Decision: Councilman Kimble made a motion to introduce Resolution 2014-01.

Second: Councilmember Mueller

Discussion: None

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

The motion passed.

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

Second: Councilmember Romanell

Discussion: None.

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

The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Butler
Clerk to Council