



Town Council Minutes 39 W. Main Street

June 13, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of New Market was held June 13, 2012, in the Town Hall, 39 West Main Street, New Market, Maryland, with Mayor Winslow Burhans presiding. Members of the Council present were: David Price, Dennis Kimble, and Jake Romanell. Councilwoman Rita Mueller and Councilman Shane Rossman 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 May 9, 2012 as written.

Second: Councilmember Kimble

Discussion: None

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

Special Guest: County Manager, Dave Dunn – Mr. Dunn on a tour of all the municipalities in order to address any concerns or questions that Town officials/residents might have. Some of the issues discussed included tax equity, grease traps, and outreach to businesses by the current Board of County Commissioners.

Mayor & Liaison Reports:

Mayor: The Mayor is currently working on the issue of Demo by Neglect or blighted homes. He has contacted numerous agencies and individuals, including but not limited to: Prince Georges Historical Preservation attorney, Frederick County Permits & Inspections, Frederick County Health Department, the Fire Department, Senator David Brinkley, and town attorney William Wantz. The Mayor is developing a list of procedures to do this properly and as efficiently as possible.

Decision: Councilmember Price made a motion to accept demo permits without the fees being paid at the time of application.

Second: Councilmember Kimble

Discussion: None

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

Decision: Councilmember Romanell made a motion that the Town Council will accept recommendations from the Historic District Commission for a demo fee based on the Town costs, not to exceed \$1000.00.

Second: Councilmember Kimble

Discussion: None

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

Councilman Price:

- Attended a networking meeting at the Tech Park with the Frederick County Economic Development office. Resident, Bryan Parker, hosted the event. One recommendation to grow and diversify the tax base. Councilman Price

recommended that members of Council try to go to as many of these events as possible. Councilman Price has invited members of the Commission of Economic Development to come and visit New Market so they can see first hand what the town does or does not have here. This will make it easier for them to recommend New Market to businesses that come to them for assistance.

- Lino Garcia from Troop 628 is pursuing Eagle rank and would like to get permission from the Town to put up a 3 x 5 cork bulletin board at the New Market Methodist schoolhouse building. The project would include landscaping around the bulletin board. Mr. Garcia presented his project to the board and now will go before the HDC/ARC committee. The church council and trustees have already approved his project. It falls within the town sign regulations.

Decision: Councilmember Price made a motion to waive the application fee for Scout Garcia.

Second: Councilmember Kimble

Discussion: None

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

Councilman Romanell: Chamber of Commerce membership will be discussed during the budget discussion.

Councilman Kimble: The Royal Oaks plats were on the agenda at P&Z but they were unable to vote on them due to a lack of quorum. The owner of 105 W. Main Street is trying to subdivide their property into residence and business portion. The board advised owner to bring back a more detailed plat plan.

Public Hearing:

Ordinance 12-01: FY13 Operating Budget – There was no public comment.

Board Discussion:

Decision: Councilmember Romanell made a motion to establish appropriations for sidewalk maintenance and fund with \$5000.00.

Second: Councilmember Price

Discussion: None

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

Decision: Councilmember Romanell made a motion to join the Frederick County Chamber of Commerce

Second: Councilmember Price

Discussion: None

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

Decision: Councilmember Kimble made a motion to adopt Ordinance 12-01 with an unappropriated reserve of \$121,758.00.

Second: Councilmember Price

Discussion: None

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

Ordinance 12-02: FY13 Capital Improvement Budget:

Public Comment: Steve Sykes, 32 W. Main Street: Questioned the line item on Messenelle Park. **Board:** The money is budgeted for FY13 - \$2014 from Town funds and \$6,042 from Project Open Space grant. The grant funds were awarded in a previous FY.

Funds were moved from the FY15-20 to FY13 for the repaving of South Alley and South Federal Street.

Decision: Councilmember Price made a motion to adopt Ordinance 12-02 in the amount of \$932,012.00.

Second: Councilmember Romanell

Discussion: None

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

Old Business

1. **South Alley Repairs** – This issue was discussed above during the CIP budget discussion.

New Business

2. **2012 Linganore Homecoming Parade**

Student Council President, Sean Ashoff, presented the board with information on the 2012 Linganore Homecoming Parade. The date for 2012, Linganore's 50th year, is September 22 at 10:00 a.m. This year they are hoping to expand the parade to members of the community and it will kick-off the Homecoming week festivities with the game the following Friday.

Decision: Councilmember Romanell made a motion to approve the application for the Homecoming parade for September 22 at 10:00 a.m. as written.

Second: Councilmember Price

Discussion: None

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

3. **Code Enforcement Officers**

Decision: Councilmember Price made a motion to appoint Mayor Burhans and Bruce Galloway as Code Enforcement Officers for the Town of New Market.

Second: Councilmember Kimble

Discussion: None

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

CONTINUATION: The meeting was continued until June 20, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Butler
Clerk to Council