



Town Council Minutes 39 W. Main Street

March 9, 2011
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 March 9, 2011 at 6:05 pm to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter, with Mayor Burhans presiding. Members of the council present were: Shane Rossman, Jake Romanell, Rita Mueller & David Price. Councilman Kimble was absent.

Decision: Councilmember Romanell 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 Price

Discussion: None

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

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of New Market was held March 9, 2011 in the Town Hall, 39 West Main Street, New Market, MD, with Mayor Winslow Burhans presiding. Members of the Council present were Jake Romanell, Dennis Kimble, David Price, Rita Mueller, and Shane Rossman.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Decision: Councilmember Kimble made a motion to approve the minutes of February 9, 2011 as written.

Second: Councilmember Rossman

Discussion: None

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

Mayor & Liaison Reports:

Councilman Rossman: Requested \$100.00 to replace the basketball nets and to mulch in front of town hall. Funds for these items are to come from the Parks & Recreation budget.

Councilman Price: 1) Attended a meeting in Middletown for a business roundtable discussion with members of other municipalities. They were very interested in New Market and what has happened here. Middletown had the reverse happen from New Market ...Middletown put in restaurant first and then other businesses followed. 2) Met Adam Filiganzi (sp?) at local Cub Scouts meeting. He is a member of the Audubon Society and volunteered to make a walking trail for the lower 65 acres. He asked where and what does the town want. Councilman Price suggested that he bring a plan to the Mayor and Council. Councilman Price also notified Bob Mochi so that they can coordinate with Bob Schaffer of the Audubon. 3) Councilman Price spoke with Mark Timberlake from LUYAA about their Board of Directors meeting being held at the town

hall. He will find out the details of their meetings as well as dates and times to see if that would be feasible. 4) Chris Olson from the Small Business Economic Development passed away this week. He was always interested in New Market and what was happening on Main Street. His passing is a big loss for the town and for the entire county.

Councilwoman Mueller: 1) Sara Morris has agreed to plan the 2011 New Market Day. She already has several people lined up. Further details will be revealed at the next meeting. 2) Debi McGuire has agreed to clean the first floor of town hall. Her duties for the public restrooms have become lighter since there is less foot traffic. She will clean downstairs of town hall at no additional cost. She will begin in the next couple of weeks. 3) Advised the Grange that they can order the mulch for the community park and send the bill to the town hall. 4) One of the swings needs the S hook tightened. 5) Working on getting the fountain repaired/replaced in Messenelle Park. The pump will be repaired and the fountain replaced. She is going to do the work at the park in stages. 6) Received a complaint on Lawson's. Too much junk is visible from the street. 6) Councilwoman Mueller suggested that the town adopt a stretch of highway. Would need to clean it 2-3 times a year to have sign erected.

Councilman Kimble: 1) 105 W. Main Street – Mr. Yost is now planning on leaving the house and making repairs. 2) P&Z and the owners of the Mansfield Commercial property are starting to come up with names for the new shopping center. One suggestion is New Market Commons. 3) Brinkley Manor residents are upset with all of the "NO PARKING" signs. Bruce Galloway is going to check with the fire marshal to see if it is okay to paint the curb red and to take down all but 1 or 2 signs. 4) Mallard's might be sold. Councilman Kimble contacted a party that was interested last year when the property was going to auction. They have put a contract on the property and are waiting on final approval. With no one living there, the property is deteriorating rapidly. There are several inches of water that need to be pumped out of the basement (sump pump not running).

Old Business

- 1. Website –** There will be a meeting next week with 270.net for the initial design meeting. The following will attend: Councilman Shane Rossman, Councilman David Price, Clerk to Council Deb Butler, and Clerk-Treasurer Karen Durbin. The new website should be up and running in 6-8 weeks.
- 2. Prescription Drug Discount Card –** Councilman Romanell handed out information on the Frederick County "Free Prescription Discount Card". This is a benefit that all Frederick County residents are able to utilize. Residents need to contact Caremark at: 1-877-321-2652 or caremarke.com/naco in order to receive a Rx savings card. To use the card, you present it to participating retail pharmacies and save an average of 22% on prescription medicine. There are no enrollment forms or membership fees. Residents can use the card anytime a prescription is not covered by their insurance. You cannot combine the savings card with your own health insurance. It is either one or the other. There are no restrictions and no limits on how many times they can use the card.
- 3. New Market Day – May 7, 2011 –** Work has started on this year's event. Sara Morris of Mom's Pizza is again chairing the committee. Sara will attend the next

meeting of Mayor and Council to give an update on the budget and the activities that are planned. There will be a clean-up day the Saturday before (April 30, 2011). Howard Edwards is going to talk to vendors and re-enactors and do a write-up on the event. There is \$3000.00 budgeted from the FY11 operating budget for this event and there is \$998.60 remaining in the account from last year. The committee is also seeking sponsorships.

New Business

4. **Main Street Sidewalk Repairs** – The sidewalk in front of 82 W. Main Street has dropped several inches. The estimate to repair this is: \$950.00. There is \$19,906 in the budget for street maintenance and repairs. There are some other areas that also need to be considered for repair such as South Alley near the Grange and the alley near 68 W. Main Street, as well as several areas of Main Street sidewalk. Councilman Romanell will talk to Dave Dunn about being able to piggyback on the county street maintenance contract. Councilman Romanell & Councilman Rossman will do a survey of the alleys and sidewalks to assess the most critical areas before making any decision on repairs and will bring their findings to the next meeting.

5. **FY12 Budget** – The budget for FY12 was not discussed at this meeting but adjustments were made to the FY11 budget as follows:

Decision: Councilmember Romanell made a motion to move \$500.00 from the unappropriated reserve to a new line item for the “65+ Tax Rebate”.

Second: Councilmember Price

Discussion: None

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

Abstain – 0 The motion passed.

Decision: Councilmember Romanell made a motion to move \$250.00 from the unappropriated reserve to the budget line item “MML Dinner”.

Second: Councilmember Price

Discussion: None

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

Abstain – 0 The motion passed.

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

Second: Councilmember Rossman

Discussion: None.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Butler
Clerk to Council