



Town Council Minutes 39 W. Main Street

March 14, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of New Market was held March 14, 2012, in the Town Hall, 39 West Main Street, New Market, Maryland, with Mayor Winslow Burhans presiding. Members of the Council present were: Shane Rossman, David Price, Dennis Kimble, Rita Mueller, and Jake Romanell. County Commissioner Kirby Delauter was also present.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Decision: Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2012 as written.

Second: Councilmember Romanell

Discussion: None

Vote: **For** – 4 (Rossman, Kimble, Price, Romanell) **Against** – 0. **Abstain** – 1 (Mueller)

Mayor & Liaison Reports:

Mayor: The Grand Opening of the Miller & Smith Model at The Orchard was a big success. Three homes were sold the opening weekend. The Town Clerks will be meeting with sales staff at the Model to make sure they have our Welcome Newsletter.

Councilman Rossman: Town Spring Clean-Up Day will be the last Saturday of April. The Grange will be mulching the community park if the Town purchases the mulch (approximately \$600.00?). Bags of mulch will be needed for the sign and other areas as well.

Comment: Rocco Sovero, 310 Nicholas Hall Street - The 100 Acre Woods has numerous items (old tires and other trash) that need to be removed. He would like to coordinate the effort to remove those items on the same day as the Town Spring Clean-Up.

Councilman Price:

- The Job Fair was held at Mealey's Table with over 100 people applying for about 40 positions. They have brought in applicants for 2nd interview and so far have hired about 30 people. Many of the hire's live local so they are thinking of putting in a bike rack. They will present information on this to HDC in upcoming meeting. There are planning for a soft opening in later April and a grand opening in May. You can join their Facebook page for updates on both.
- Mr. Mochi will inform Councilman Price and Town Council of opening day for the ball fields so they can have some pictures taken.

Councilman Romanell:

- At the HDC meeting the request from Mealey's Table for some external changes was approved.
- There were two basic plans submitted for the exterior of the New Market Volunteer Fire Department. The majority approved one version – brick façade

with five 2/2 windows. They are going to make some minor changes and bring it back to a later meeting.

- There was a discussion on the A-frame signs that shops/businesses may put out. There are several interpretations to what is in the guidelines. They are going to 1) do some research, 2) talk among the members and 3) workshop with the business owners.
- Money is needed to participate in the expanded MML-Geocache program. The fees (\$35.00) will cover a new box, notebook, geo coins from the Geocache society. There is money available in Dues/Subscriptions that will be able to cover the nominal fees.
- The Board of County Commissioners voted to return to the old formula based on per capita. This will increase the revenues to the town by 584%. The amount for FY12 was \$7,996.00. For FY13 the amount will be \$54,705.00.

Councilwoman Mueller:

- A Day in New Market will not be held in 2012.
- The Grange will be mulching the Community Park on April 14. The town will need to supply the mulch. There is about \$300 available in the Parks budget to pay for the mulch. Councilman Rossman
- Councilwoman Mueller said the water is running 24/7 across South Alley into the cul-de-sac.

Councilman Kimble: The final plat mylars were signed for Royal Oaks (Lots 109, 112, 57, 62, 69 & 72 at the last Planning & Zoning meeting.

Old Business

1. **Royal Oaks** – In response to questions about the LOUYAA fields and the right-of-way at the end of Isaac Russell Street in Royal Oaks, the Mayor read an outline of decisions and meetings for the fields and the right-of-way. For the complete outline, please refer to the digital minutes or the meeting back-up.
Public Comment: Rocco Sovero, 310 Nicholas Hall Street

2. **Bid Opening – Weatherization of Town Hall** – One bid was received for the revised bid spec for the weatherization and insulation of Town Hall.

Decision: Councilmember Romanell made a motion to accept the bid from Glory Energy Solutions in the amount of \$7,820.00.

Comment: Councilman Kimble said he would prefer to accept the bid for the 4” closed cell for an additional \$500.00

Amend Motion: Councilmember Romanell amended the motion to use the 4” closed cell with a bid amount of \$8,320.00

Second: Councilmember Mueller

Discussion: None

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

Decision: Councilmember Romanell made a motion to move \$8,320.00 from unappropriated reserve to new budget line item “Town Hall Weatherization”.

Second: Councilmember Price

Discussion: None

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

- 3. Water Issue at 8th & South Alley** – Councilman Romanell said that the area is fed by three sources, including a natural spring. The original trench work done by Mr. Miller needs to be extended off of the Mealey's property. They would also have to trench along town property to connect down to the cul-de-sac drainage area. It would be beneficial to coordinate the trenching with Mr. Miller in order to save costs. A meeting will be set up for the Mayor, Councilman Romanell, Councilman Kimble, Shawn Burnett (Town Engineer) and Carl Miller.

New Business

4. Spring Water Reclassifications:

Decision: Councilmember Kimble made a motion to approve the complementary water tap to match the existing sewer tap for 146 West Main Street and to change the water classification from W5 to W3.

Second: Councilmember Romanell

Discussion: None

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

Decision: Councilmember Kimble made a motion to approve the complementary water tap to match the existing sewer tap for 80 West Main Street and to change the water classification from W5 to W3.

Second: Councilmember Mueller

Discussion: None

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

- 5. The Maryland Transportation Financing & Infrastructure Investment Act** – The Frederick Chapter of the MML has prepared a position paper on the Maryland Transportation Financing & Infrastructure Investment Act that the Governor presented to the General Assembly in February. The proposed legislation included a six percent sales tax on motor fuel. The MML is preparing the position paper but overall they had concerns about the tax putting an undue burden on local jurisdictions, suburban and rural.

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

Second: Councilmember Price

Discussion: None.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Butler
Clerk to Council