



## Town Council Minutes 39 W. Main Street

April 24, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

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The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of New Market was held April 10, 2014 at the Town Hall, 39 W. Main Street, New Market, MD, with Mayor Winslow Burhans presiding. Members of the Council present were Michael Davies, Dennis Kimble, Rita Mueller, and Shane Rossman. Councilman Jake Romanell was absent.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Decision:** Councilmember Mueller made a motion to approve the minutes of March 13, 2014 as written.

**Second:** Councilmember Kimble

**Discussion:** None

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

The motion passed.

### **Mayor & Liaison Reports:**

**Mayor Burhans:** The Mayor is currently working on the FY15 budgets and needs all budget items from the Council. The settlement for Mealey's will take place on April 30. The new restaurant, "Vintage" will open incrementally. The first section will open in June from 7-3 serving breakfast and lunch. The chef has been written up in the Washington Post and the firm that purchased the restaurant has another restaurant opening in the historic district of Annapolis called "Preserve."

**Councilman Rossman:** The cost of publishing the newsletter continues to rise. Councilman Rossman suggested going to a quarterly publication and using the website and Facebook page for more immediate updates and information.

The Town Clean-up is scheduled for Sunday at 1:00 p.m. The local Girl Scout Troop and students from the Linganore Key Club and New Market Elementary School are scheduled to assist and they would like to plant some flowers at the park. They would require approximately \$200.00 to purchase the flowers, mulch and weed prevention. The flowers are being sold through Linganore High School so the funds will be going back to the community.

**Decision:** Councilmember Mueller made a motion to take \$200.00 from unappropriated reserve and put it in Town Clean-up

**Second:** Councilmember Davies

**Discussion:** None

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

The motion passed.

The Fun Run at New Market Elementary School is scheduled for Saturday, April 26. Councilman Davies plans on attending the event.

**Councilwoman Mueller:** The estimate for the repairs to the fountain is in and they total \$932.00. This is for the cleaning, prep and painting of the fountain basin. This does not include any plumbing or electrical work. Councilman Kimble is going to contact them about this project and bring it back to Mayor and Council for the May meeting.

Councilwoman Mueller requested that the councilmembers give her the information for what they want on their desk name plates to be purchased from a local office supply store for \$89.00 for all six name plates.

Three street signs are needed for South Alley (Federal Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Alley and 7<sup>th</sup> Alley). The costs are from 700 to 1000, depending on what type of sign and what type of post. Councilman Rossman is going to check with the HDC/ARC to see what type of sign they would recommend.

**Decision:** Councilmember Mueller made a motion to take \$87.00 out of Sidewalk Maintenance and move to Street Maintenance for the signs.

**Second:** Councilmember Rossman

**Discussion:** None

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

The motion passed.

The trash receptacles on Main Street are beginning to rust and fall apart (several pins are missing, etc.). Councilwoman Mueller will apply to POS for new trash receptacles to be installed at the completion of Streetscape. Another project that she is going to apply to POS for is to make the Community Park ADA accessible. This would include removing a wood border, a new walkway, regrading of the area, three hundred feet of treated timber, an ADA swing and new access to the slide.

**Councilman Kimble:** During the Planning and Zoning meeting the sidewalks and the Marley Street widening were discussed.

## **Old Business**

### **1. Fire Pond Clean-up – Councilman Dennis Kimble & Wilson T. Ballard**

Bryan Dusza from Wilson T. Ballard discussed several methods to deal with the watermeal problem. The method that would work the best to remove the problem is also the most costly method. This would be to empty the pond and then dredge the bottom of the pond. The bottom is where the nutrients are (caused by nitrogen fertilizer and other runoff) that feed the water meal. The cleaning of the pond (including dredging) would run about 50K. This process would have to be repeated after 5-10 years.

Another method would be to add an aerator or fountain to keep the water oxygenated. Chemicals to try to eradicate/lessen the water meal would also need to be used. This method would run about 1900 to install the pump and then about three to five thousand a year for maintenance, electricity and chemicals. This might not totally alleviate the problem but it should reduce it dramatically.

A third method would be to fill the pond in. If no free fill dirt were available this would be very expensive (over 100K). It would also need to be determined if the

pond serve a Storm Water Management function (it no longer serves as a water supply for the Fire Department).

A fourth alternative was discussed that would include installing the fountain/aerator and plants, similar to what Frederick has done with the Carroll Creek.

The costs for the fourth method will be researched and this item will be brought back to a future meeting.

**2. FY14 Budget Reappropriations** – The following budget reappropriations were discussed:

**Increase Revenue Budget Line Item by the Following Amount:**

Business Corp Taxes	\$1,700
New Construction Fees	\$9,950
Renovation Zoning & HDC Fees	\$1,125
Subdivision Fees	\$1,433
Real Property	\$7,700
Cable TV Franchise Fees	\$1,214
Town Business Licenses	\$ 550

**Increase Expenditure Budget Line Item by the Following Amount:**

Advertising	\$3,487
Dues & Subscriptions	\$2,700
General Management Labor	\$2,293
Legal	\$4,717
Office Supplies	\$ 376
Snow & Ice Removal	\$12,535
Tree Management	\$1,080

**Decrease Expenditure Budget Line Item by the Following Amount:**

Police Protection	\$3,514
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**Decision:** Councilmember Rossman made a motion to make the budget reappropriations as discussed.

**Second:** Councilmember Davies

**Discussion:** None

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

The motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Decision:** Councilmember Mueller made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Second:** Councilmember Kimble

**Discussion:** None

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

The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Butler, Clerk to Council