

# Town of Upper Marlboro

## REGULAR TOWN MEETING December 13, 2011

Approved Minutes

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Stephen F. Sonnett, President of the Board of Town Commissioners  
James Storey, Commissioner/ Treasurer  
Joseph A. Hourclé, Commissioner

Staff present: M. David Williams, Town Clerk

Also present: Erich Wagner of the *Gazette* and various citizens and interested parties.

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes

President Sonnett asked for consent to the Agenda. Approval was given by both Commissioners. The Town Meeting minutes from November 8, 2011 and the Work Session minutes from November 22, 2011 were summarized by Commissioner Hourclé. Commissioner Storey motioned to approve both sets of minutes, President Sonnett seconded. The minutes from November's Town Meeting and Work Session were unanimously approved.

### Review/Approval of the Financial Report

Commissioner Storey reviewed highlights of the Treasurer's Report as of November 30, 2011.

At 5 months into FY2012, total operational revenues and general government expenses are within the 42% range. He noted that in January, budget line items 8115, 8305 and 8410 will need adjustments because of higher than anticipated gas prices, vehicle maintenance and computer support. He added that the budget adjustments would go smoothly given the Town's positive fiscal position. Commissioner Hourclé motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, President Sonnett seconded. The Treasurer's Report as of November 30, 2011 was unanimously approved.

### Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Hourclé: Reported that he attended Councilman Mel Franklin's District 9 Community Forum on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Topics discussed included: Hospitals and FEMA disaster relief funds for Hurricane Lee.

Commissioner Storey: Reported that the Holiday Party on December 11<sup>th</sup> was a success and that 40+ Town citizen's attended the event.

President Sonnett: President Sonnett announced that the State would be conducting a street sweeping along Route 725 starting at 10 p.m. tomorrow and parking will be affected. He also reported: Consultant Juan Torres will be visiting this month to help in reviewing the Town's Public Works overall operations; The Police Report for November is available in the December *Landings*; SHA personnel will come in to review preliminary crosswalk designs in January; A new heat pump has been installed at Town Hall and should cut heating costs by one third; Recent report indicates the County has engaged the Army Corps of Engineers about the flooding issues in the area; Multiple street lamp outages have been reported to PEPCO; Snow removal preparations are up-to-date, but the Town will most likely need more personnel; And, both Public Works vehicles have recently undergone expensive repairs resulting from rusted gas and brake lines.

### Business

OMES Demolition: President Sonnett reviewed highlights from his October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting with Judge Adams and the November 8<sup>th</sup> briefing to the County Council. He noted that on both occasions he had requested that the Town to be kept informed of developments, and that since then, that has not happened. He has since spoke with County Councilman Mel Franklin's Chief of Staff and the County Executive's Municipal Liaison and has

learned that the County has decided to approach the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) for a demolition permit. A draft letter to County Executive Rushern Baker from the Town was read aloud, and the floor was opened for comments and discussion. President Sonnett added that the Prince George's Historical Society (PGHS) was very supportive of preservation of the site and that he plans to contact other municipalities to ask for their support as well. After discussion, the President said that the Town has taken an official position against demolition of the OMES building(s) and supports a low-impact, adaptive re-use plan for the structure (for general public use).

### **Public Comment**

An inquiry was made about the residence at 14503 Main Street (near the Crain Monument) that was rezoned for commercial use by the District Council. President Sonnett said that he has contacted Councilman Franklin's office, and has also asked the Town's attorney to contact the County attorney about resolving the issue on remand.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Hourclé made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Storey seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



M. David Williams  
Town Clerk

