

Town of Upper Marlboro

REGULAR TOWN MEETING

January 10, 2012

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: Barry Morton-President/Marlborough Towne HOA, Joe Plenzler and various citizens and interested parties.

Pledge of Allegiance

Certification of Election Results

The Town Clerk delivered the results of the January 9th General Election, certified by the Board of Supervisors of Elections, to be entered into the record.

Voter count: 60, Total absentee ballots: 1, Total ballots cast: 61.

Stephen F. Sonnett—56; Joseph A. Hourclé —54; James Storey—53;

Mark Ford (write-in)—3; Helen Ford (write-in)—1; Robert Hopkins (write-in)—1.

Commissioner Storey motioned to approve the election results and qualifications of all three candidates, Commissioner Hourclé seconded. The motion was unanimously passed.

Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes

President Sonnett asked for consent to the Agenda. Approval was given by both Commissioners. The Town Meeting minutes from December 13, 2011 and the Work Session minutes from December 27, 2011 were summarized by Commissioner Hourclé. Commissioner Storey motioned to approve both sets of minutes, Commissioner Hourclé seconded. All minutes from December'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 December 31, 2011.

At 6 months into FY2012, total operational revenues and general government expenses are all in the 33% range with the exception of "dues and subscriptions" and some "one-time" expenses.

Commissioner Hourclé motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, President Sonnett seconded. The Treasurer's Report dated October 31, 2012 was unanimously approved.

Reports

Staff Reports: The Town Clerk reported on the first meeting of the Prince George's County Commission on the War of 1812 (PGCC-WO1812) that he attended with resident Brian Callicott on December 14th at the County Administration Building (CAB). He said that he and Mr. Callicott will continue to address the accessibility and signage issues to Dr. Beanes' gravesite. It was noted that Town resident Patti Skews has also been appointed to the commission. The next PGCC-WO1812 meeting has been scheduled for January 18th at the CAB.

Commissioner Hourclé: Reported that he had been in touch with Betty Carlson-Jameson of the Park and Planning Department concerning the submission of a Sustainable Community application for the Town.

Commissioner Storey: Reported that a recent CD renewal had been processed at a lower rate than was originally offered, but, the CD rate has since been corrected back to the original rate of .65%.

President Sonnett: President Sonnett said he would deliver his report under the Business section of the Agenda and noted that the Police Report for December was available in the *Landings*.

Business

Contract for Public Works Facility Improvements: President Sonnett reported that he had received a \$2,475 quote for 3 new windows and a new insulated steel door at the Public Works Facility, plus, \$325 for repair of the wood column bases at the Town Hall. Commissioner Storey motioned to approve the contract, Commissioner Hourclé seconded. Approval of the contract with McLellan & Company, Inc. was unanimous.

Contract for Crime Insurance: The president reviewed the renewal contract recommended by the Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT). Commissioner Storey motioned to approve the LGIT Crime Insurance contract for \$195 per year, Commissioner Hourclé seconded the motion. Approval of the 3-year contract was unanimous.

OMES Update: President Sonnett reported that the County has contacted the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to get information on filing an application for demolition. He said that he has also talked with several people about holding a public forum on the subject sometime in late January. He then opened the floor for questions. Other county-owned properties were discussed as better alternatives for building upon, such as, the Old Jail and the metered Parking Lot. Building set-backs, floodplain issues and Elm Street traffic congestion were also discussed. It was noted that, some time ago, the County had exempted itself from zoning laws in the Town of Upper Marlboro. He added that he will be attending the next Maryland Mayors Association Conference in February and hopes to get the chance to discuss these issues with our state delegates.

Strategic Planning: President Sonnett asked for input to list improvement projects for the Town that can be completed within 2- or 5-year plan periods. He said the current "Sustainable Communities" program being implemented by the State could be an ideal vehicle to facilitate these projects. Previous action plans created by Park & Planning and adopted by the District Council were discussed. Mr. Morton, president of the Marlborough Towne HOA said their biggest concern is storm water drainage. President Sonnett said the Sustainable Communities program would require the formation of a work group made up of residents, government officials, and business and property owners. He added that he would like to have the project lists completed by April, and the Town would need to define the boundaries of the Sustainable Community area.

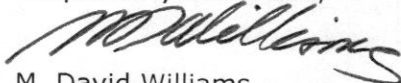
Public Comment

There was more discussion concerning the OMES issue in regards to press coverage and the upcoming informational meeting being planned. There was also further discussion on the Sustainable Community initiative and the need to consider inclusion of problem areas beyond the corporate boundaries of the Town.

Adjournment

Commissioner Storey made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Hourclé seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



M. David Williams
Town Clerk

