

# Town of Upper Marlboro

## REGULAR TOWN MEETING

December 9, 2014

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  
Larissa A. Ferrer, Commissioner

Staff present: M. David Williams, Town Clerk

Also present: Kirstin Peterson of the *Gazette* and various citizens and interested parties.

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Approval of Meeting Minutes & Financial Reports

President Sonnett asked for consent to the Agenda. Approval was granted by all Commissioners present. The Town Meeting minutes from November 10, 2014 and the Work Session minutes from November 25, 2014 were acknowledged by the Board as reviewed. A minor correction was noted by the Clerk. Commissioner Storey motioned to approve both sets of minutes, President Sonnett seconded. All minutes from November's Town Meeting and Work Session were unanimously approved.

Commissioner Storey reviewed highlights of the Treasurer's Report as of November 30, 2014. He noted that for 5 months (or 41.5%) into FY2015, total operational revenues and general government expenses were within an acceptable range of the budget estimates. He noted that Tax Revenue totals were high due to tax payments received early. He also noted that a Public Safety expense (line item 8280-04 Miscellaneous) was high since upfront payment was required by the State Aid for Police Protection grant. It was also noted that a new collateralization agreement with the M & T Bank was currently in the making. Commissioner Ferrer motioned to approve the November Treasurer's Report, President Sonnett seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report as of November 30, 2014 was unanimously approved.

### Reports

Staff/Committees: There were no staff or committee reports at this time.

Commissioner Ferrer: Had no report at this time.

Commissioner Storey: Reported that nearly 70 people attended the December 7 Holiday Party at Town Hall. He added that this year, people stayed longer at the event than in previous years.

President Sonnett: President Sonnett reported that he attended the PGCMA Legislative Dinner on December 2, noting three legislative priorities that will be the focus of the association in the coming year: 1) Current inequitable County Tax Differential; 2) Improvements for municipal zoning authority; and, 3) Improved WSSC repair work notifications. He added that Highway User Revenue funding would again be the main focus for the Maryland Municipal League (MML) this coming year.

### Business

Ordinance 2014-03 Pratt Street Traffic Pattern Change: With no objections from the Board, President Sonnett introduced the ordinance to change the current 2-way traffic pattern on Pratt Street to an eastbound one-way pattern (from Main Street to Judge's Drive only), noting it would be up for passage at the January Town Meeting. The floor was then opened for public comment. A citizen asked why and who wants the change. Citing safety concerns first reported on at the October Town Meeting, the President reviewed those issues expressed by both the Police and Fire Departments in Town. Two citizens felt the change was confusing, and one longtime resident stated they felt the current 2-way pattern was never a problem, but was more worried about how the change will impact businesses. The Board stated that the ordinance was a good idea and that they will proceed for its enactment.

Crime Insurance Policy (Bonds): President Sonnett reviewed two options for insurance plans that cover "Commercial Crime" (Option#1: Fidelity/Employee Theft, and, Claims Expense; and, Option#2: Computer Crime, Computer Fraud and e Computer Program Electronic Data Restoration). Though a vote was not required, the President recommended that the Board approve the Option#2 plan, noting the minimal \$72 premium increase provided added protection from the consequences of computer crimes. Commissioner Ferrer motioned to approve the Option#2 plan, Commissioner Storey seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Surplus Property: The President reviewed a hand-out entitled "December 9<sup>th</sup> Surplus List" identifying a dozen or so miscellaneous pieces of Town-owned equipment. After explaining the details and destinations of the unneeded items, he asked that three Apple i-Phones that have recently been upgraded also be added to the list. With no objections, Commissioner Ferrer motioned to approve the surplus of the items as listed, Commissioner Storey seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

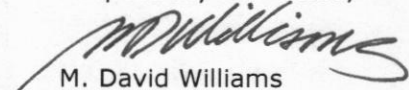
Public Comment: A citizen asked if the Town would collect resident's old electronics for recycling. The President explained that the free technology recycling program was open to verified County resident's passenger vehicles only, and does not allow commercial vehicles/entities to participate. It was noted that Best Buy and Staples stores offer electronic recycling programs as well.

General/Administration issues: Two minor corrections were discovered for Page 3/Section 5 of the draft Ordinance 2014-03 and were noted by the Clerk. Mr. Barry Morton, Chairman of the Marlborough Towne HOA, announced they will be holding their Board elections next month. He added that four (4) new streetlights have been ordered to be tested for efficiency over the next few months. If okay, then all 24 streetlights will be converted to the new induction lamps by summer. The President requested to be notified of the switch-over date so as to accurately track the energy savings through the monthly PEPCO statements. Commissioner Storey announced that the Frederick Douglass High School Football Team won the State Championship 38 to nothing over Dunbar High School in Baltimore.

#### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Ferrer made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Storey seconded the motion. With no one in opposition, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
M. David Williams  
Town Clerk

