

# Town of Upper Marlboro

## REGULAR TOWN MEETING

June 9, 2015

Approved Minutes

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 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; Plus, 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 May 12, 2015 and the Work Session minutes from May 26, 2015 were acknowledged by the Board as reviewed. Commissioner Ferrer motioned to approve both sets of minutes, Commissioner Storey seconded. All minutes from May's Town Meeting and Work Session were unanimously approved.

Commissioner Storey reviewed highlights of the Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2015. He said total operational revenues and general government expenses were within an acceptable range of the 91.3% benchmark for 11 months into FY2015. He identified several line items above 100% that will be adjusted within the FY2015 Detailed Budget later on in the Agenda, adding that total revenues reflect a surplus, at this time, of \$200K. He reported that the next CD up for renewal will be reinvested for 30 months at 1.0% (at Old Line Bank), and the next CD in line for renewal will be reinvested for 24 months at 1.25% (at SONA Bank). President Sonnett noted that the Town is still expecting its 4<sup>th</sup> and final income tax payment for FY2015 to be in excess of \$80K which will bring line item 6230.0 well over \$400K. Commissioner Ferrer motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report; President Sonnett seconded. The Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2015 was unanimously approved.

### Reports

Staff/Committees: The Town Clerk reported that he attended a ceremony at the Governor's Reception Room at the State House in Annapolis on May 14<sup>th</sup> where Greater Upper Marlboro area resident and Barak Obama Elementary student, Antonio Carr, received a Governors Citation for her winning essay in the Maryland Municipal League's "If I Were Mayor, I Would . . ." contest. He also announced that the State Governor's Office would again be holding the week long "Day To Serve" event in September, and invited interested citizen's to volunteer their time and ideas to raise donations for local charity. Historical Committee Co-Chair Linda Pennoyer reminded all to attend the Colonial Picnic at Darnall's Chance on June 13<sup>th</sup>, adding that the TUMHC will have a booth and a craft table for Tin-Punching. It was noted that over 75 photographs were submitted to the Photo Contest.

Commissioner Ferrer: Reported that she attended the "Thirsty for Business Thursday" event sponsored by the PGC Economic Development Corporation on May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Romano Vineyard & Winery in Brandywine MD. The bi-monthly, free event is designed to connect business owners with government officials, non-profits and community leaders.

Commissioner Storey: Reported that the Memorial Day Ceremony went well. He noted that retired PGC police officer and Vietnam Veteran, Mark Schmeltz, delivered the keynote speech, and that three Tuskegee Airman: Leroy Battle, Henry Wise, Jr and Jim Pryde (all county residents) received special acknowledgment at the ceremony. Selected memoirs of former Town resident Carl Lehman/Darby Ranger, were read aloud. He added that co-keynote speaker, Jim Pryde, was unable to make the event this year due to hip replacement surgery. Commissioner Storey thanked former Commissioner Joe Hourclé, Ellen Storey and Barbie Sonnett for their help in setting up and providing the refreshments.

President Sonnett: The President said he would deliver his reports and updates within the 'Business' section of the agenda.