

Town of Upper Marlboro

REGULAR TOWN MEETING

July 14, 2015

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: 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 June 9, 2015 and the Work Session minutes from June 24, 2015 were acknowledged by the Board as reviewed. A few punctuation edits were noted. Commissioner Ferrer motioned to approve both sets of minutes; Commissioner Storey seconded. All minutes from June's Town Meeting and Work Session were unanimously approved.

Commissioner Storey reviewed highlights of the Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2015. He noted that the report shows totals representing the end of fiscal year 2015, with total operational revenues coming in at 144.6 per cent, and General Government expenses totaling 88.8 per cent of the adopted FY2015 budget. He noted that taxes represented 82.6 percent of the Town's total revenues received. President Sonnett added that line item 6230 (Income Taxes) was especially high this year due to a final payment just received that exceeded \$274K. Commissioner Ferrer motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report; President Sonnett seconded. The Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2015 was unanimously approved.

Reports

Staff/Committees: Mr. Williams reported that the Town had successfully fulfilled all the requirements necessary to earn the "Banner Town" designation from the Maryland Municipal League for a third year in a row. He then affixed the 2015 placard to the Banner Town Plaque on the wall of the Conference Room. Historical Committee Chair, Patti Skews, announced that the next TUMHC Archiving Session would be held on Saturday, July 18 at Town Hall. She added that they would also be finalizing plans for the "Memories & Morsels on Main Street" event scheduled for Saturday July 25.

Commissioner Ferrer: Had no report at this time.

Commissioner Storey: Reported on his attendance at the MML Convention in Ocean City, stating that the information provided was insightful and that the networking opportunities there were also very valuable.

President Sonnett: President Sonnett reported that the Town was still working with the WSSC to obtain a permit to establish a water connection to the Public Works Facility, noting that additional prerequisites seem to crop up after each step of the process. He also announced that the Town has received back from the State, its signed Community Legacy grant contract for FY2015. He added that the funding under this grant would be available to the Town for a period of 2 years after signage.

On another note, the President recapped a recent news item from Channel 4 News that claimed that the County Administration was planning to move the County Seat of Government to Largo. He said he contacted the County Executive's Office and the Council Chairman who said that was not, in fact, what was said to the reporter. He noted the story was taken offline shortly thereafter. The President then explained that the first article of the County Charter states that a referendum is required in order to move the existing County Seat of Government.