

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

June 22, 2010

LOCATION

Commissioners Meeting was held in the meeting room of the Community Services Building on June 22, 2010. President Dunbar called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Commissioners present were Peter Dunbar, Timothy Kearns and James Klair. Town Attorney David Thompson and a Star Democrat representative were in attendance. Others in attendance were family members of Acting Chief Maxwell and family members of Sgt. James Thomas. Also in attendance were Chief George Ball, Chief Migual Dennis, Chief Ron Small, Chief David Spencer, Detective Yavon Freeman, Lt. Stephen Elliott, Lt. Wanda Green, Deputy Robert Mitchell, Chief Jack Cropper-Retired, Chief R. Edward Blessing-Retired, Chief Melbourne "Ben" Blue-Retired, Chief Walter E. Chase-Retired, Judge William Adkins, Judge Sidney Campen, Judge William Horne, Ellen Gruden, Ms. Lisa Gray, Clay Stamp, Cheryl Thomas, Barbara Sauers and Rick Kollinger. There were approximately two hundred (200) people in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of June 8, 2010 were approved as distributed.

Meetings

President Dunbar announced that the Commissioners had met with the Assistant Attorney General in Baltimore on June 9th to discuss Waste Water Treatment issues.

President Dunbar announced that the Town Commissioners, employees and board members enjoyed a wonderful dinner at the Robert Morris Inn on Monday, June 21st. The dinner is given yearly to show appreciation for all the work the board members do as volunteers.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Scott Delude, Public Works Superintendent, gave the Maintenance Report that consisted of the following:

1. Well #2 is up and running as of June 22nd. It cost \$24,000 for the pump replacement. Residents may see cloudy water for a couple of days because of the well pump replacement. This is due to air in the lines.
2. A meeting is scheduled with GMB Engineering to start plans for the rehab of the town's portion of the ferry dock.
3. The Public Works Department completed the water meter readings last week. It took one (1) person two (2) hours to read the entire town. The old meters took six (6) men a total of four (4) days to complete readings.
4. An aerator pump has been installed at the waste water contact tank to help control the dissolved oxygen during the hot months and this will meet Maryland Department of the Environment compliance. The cost was \$500.

POLICE REPORT

Acting Chief Maxwell gave the Police Report that consisted of the following:

- One alarm
- One telephone misuse (telemarketer – abated)
- Six Police Information
- One Suspicious motor vehicle (ID occupants and moved on)
- One Animal Complaint
- One Assist the Fire Department

A reminder to the citizens was given that the annual Oxford Kids Camp is in session. Please watch for children riding their bikes around town.

OXFORD FIRE COMPANY

Michael Greenhawak, Oxford Fire Company, reported that during the last two weeks the fire company responded to fifteen (15) calls. Mr. Greenhawk stated that on September 12, 2010 there will be a water supply drill with other companies involved and there will be quite a bit of fire equipment in town. More information will be given as the date gets closer.

The Oxford Fire Company will be standing by on Saturday, June 26th during the Cardboard Boat Race and again for the fireworks display on July 3rd.

SWEARING IN PATRICK D. MAXWELL

President Dunbar thanked everyone for attending the town meeting. A brief summary of Pat's law enforcement career was given. His career began in 1981 while serving as a deputy for the Talbot County Sheriff's Department under the late George "Ben" Forrest. In May 1986 he joined the Federalsburg Police Department and in May 1988 he joined the Oxford Police Department. Pat served under the late Chief Edward "Wally" Jones, Chief Paul Fegan and the late Chief James Borga. Pat is beginning his 22nd year as a police officer in Oxford and has been in law enforcement for 27 years. Pat resides in Oxford and his family are Oxford natives, (Duncan and Balderson).

At this time Patrick D. Maxwell took the oath of office as the Police Chief of the Oxford Police Department. The oath was given by President Dunbar. Sharon Borga, wife of the late Chief James Borga, and James Borga, Jr., son of the late Chief James Borga, pinned Chief Borga's badge on Chief Patrick D. Maxwell.

PROMOTION OF JAMES THOMAS

Chief Maxwell asked Sgt. James Thomas to come forward and Sgt. Thomas was given a promotion to the rank of Lieutenant. Chief Maxwell and Lt. Thomas introduced their families to the audience. Both Chief Maxwell and Lt. Thomas thanked everyone for joining them tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Klair made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kearns seconded motion.

Aye – Peter Dunbar

Aye - Timothy Kearns

Aye – James G. Klair

A small reception was held with cake and punch for Chief Maxwell and Lt. Thomas.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Lord
Town Clerk