

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

November 9, 2010

LOCATION

Commissioners Meeting was held in the meeting room of the Community Services Building on November 9, 2010. President Kearns called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Commissioners present were Timothy Kearns and James Klair. A Star Democrat representative was in attendance. There were seven people in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 26, 2010 were approved as distributed.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

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

1. Scott spoke to Charlie Coppage, State Highway Administration, and was told that SHA had plans made up for traffic calming. Charlie is getting together with Jeff Wince and they are trying to get a meeting with the town by the end of the month.
2. Scott has gathered information on tree planting along Morris Street and information from DNR and SHA. Scott has contacted Chip Broadwater from the Centreville SHA office. Mr. Broadwater is working with St. Michaels to help keep trees along the streets.
3. Two lawn mowers have been taken to Atlantic Tractor for a complete inspection and service before grass cutting season begins. The cost will be in the neighborhood of \$2000.
4. Dan Ubersax, SHA arborist, will be meeting with Scott on November 30th at 10:00 a.m. to discuss how to repair sidewalks without damaging the root system of the trees. Mr. Ubersax has solutions that have worked in other parts of Maryland. If any Commissioners are able to attend this meeting please do so.
5. An irrigation contractor was blowing out sprinkler lines for the winter in town today and the 70 lbs of air pressure they were using back fed into our 36 lb water system. We were quickly made aware of the situation and flushed the air from the town's system. MDE was notified and the cause of the problem was found to be a back flow preventer that was not working correctly.

Commissioner Klair advised that a letter was received from Claire Kearns requesting that leaf pickup be done on Thursday rather than Wednesday. Scott explained that due to regular trash pickup being on Thursday we would not be able to change the date. A letter will be mailed to Miss Kearns.

POLICE REPORT

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

- Four police information
- One hit and run accident (parking lot – no witness)
- One assist other police agencies
- One suspicious motor vehicle (ID and moved on)
- Three Animal Complaints (abated)
- One suspended – revoked driver (arrested and released pending trial)
- One assist the Fire Department

Chief Maxwell commented that Halloween went off without any major problems. The crowds were smaller.

Chief Maxwell presented the Commissioners with proofs of the mooring permit. Chief Maxwell is going to get clarification on the estimate, no decisions were made at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Klair requested an executive session following tonight's meeting to discuss a personnel issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Klair expressed concern that he and his fellow Commissioners have in not being able, at this point with Veteran' Day approaching, to come up with a location for a veteran's memorial. The town recognizes the importance of members both present and past in the armed forces that have protected our country and our way of life. The Commissioners would like to reach a consensus for a veteran's park and because we live in a democracy they would like to get input from the original group that wanted the memorial in Town Park and those that are opposed. Commissioner Klair commented that the town needs to come together and select a location where the memorial park should be. President Kearns stated that four years ago when the Blue Star Memorial was first talked about a discussion was held and locations were brought up. Both sides left with an understanding but nothing moved forward. President Kearns said a meeting is needed to reach a consensus.

William "Bill" Dial suggested putting a question on the ballot in June with four different locations and let the vote decide. Gordon Graves remarked that there needs to be public notice so that both sides can have input, then a decision can be based on a majority. Commissioner Klair suggested the first thing to do is to get together for a discussion. Bill Dial stated that The Garden Club should be notified and speaking for himself, "this is a good idea". President Kearns commented that, "whatever it takes it needs to get done, my opinion every day should be Veteran's Day". Commissioners Kearns and Klair agreed to come up with a date for the meeting. The date, time and place of the meeting will be placed in the Star Democrat, as well as the town's website and bulletin board.

VETERAN'S DAY GATHERING

Commissioner Klair announced that a Veteran's Day gathering will be held on November 11, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Pauls Church, corner of Morris Street and South Street. There will be a color guard and taps played. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Kearns announced that Shore Scan gave a presentation on scanning documents a few weeks ago. The office staff and President Kearns attended this presentation. President Kears suggested that his fellow commissioners and Attorney Thompson hear the presentation before any decisions are made by the town to invest in this service. It was decided to set up a time with Shore Scan to give this presentation.

LIVING SHORELINE

Scott Delude announced that Environmental Service will have their equipment out of the Town Park in the next few days, work on the Living Shoreline has been completed.

WEEK END – NOVEMBER 13TH

Commissioner Klair reminded everyone that this week end is the Oxford Fire Companies Annual Antique Show with delicious food prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary. Waterfowl Festival in Easton, skating exhibition at Hog Neck and a gun show at Hog Neck.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commissioner voted to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue and discuss other personnel matters that affects one or more specific individuals. Those in attendance were Timothy Kearns, Commissioner, James Klair, Commissioner, Scott Delude, Public Works Superintendent, Patrick Maxwell, Chief of Police, Karl and Sherri Kirchhoff and Lillian Lord, Town Clerk. During the executive session status of hiring a patrolman was discussed. The second item discussed was property located at 205 E. Pier Street.

BILLS PAYABLE

The regular town meeting was reopened. The Commissioners went to Bills Payable.

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

Aye – Timothy Kearns

Aye – James G. Klair

Respectfully submitted

Lillian Lord
Town Clerk