

## COMMISSIONERS MEETING

April 10, 2007

### LOCATION

Commissioners Meeting was held in the meeting room of the Community Services Building on April 10, 2007. The meeting was called to order by President Hale at 7:30 p.m.

### PRESENT

Commissioners present were Henry Hale, Timothy Kearns and James Klair. There were approximately ten (10) people in attendance including Town Attorney, David Thompson and Danny Fasold, Star Democrat representative.

The minutes of March 27, 2007 were approved as distributed.

### MAINTENANCE REPORT

President Hale read the Maintenance Report as prepared by Richard Copper, Interim Superintendent of the Public Works Department.

1. Weekly Water/Wastewater test taken and completed.
2. Pumping Stations and Wells checked daily.
3. Performed general maintenance throughout town (filled pot holes, removed trash).
4. Recycle Center checked and cleaned twice weekly.
5. Rubber mulch has been installed around new swings in Town Park.
6. All the park water fountains have been put back in service.
7. Removed Town Office and Police signs for repairs and painting.
8. Met with Tom Dixon, Talbot County Roads Dept.) concerning cleaning storm water easement on Bachelors Point road. The work has started.
9. Removed and cleaned all snow removal equipment.
10. Removed wet well pump at Bonfield pumping station. Pump has been carried to Hills's Electric for repairs.
11. A new water main valve has been installed at the corner of Banks St and Market St.

Commissioner Kearns announced that the swings will be installed on the new frames by early next week.

Commissioner Kearns stated that new game tables and several new park benches will be placed around town prior to Oxford Day. Parks & Recreation purchased this equipment.

### POLICE REPORT

Chief Borga gave the Police Report. The report consisted of the following:

- 1 - Animal Complaint
- 1 - Suspicious Person
- 6 - Police Informations
- 3 - Assist the Fire Department
- 1 - Malicious Destruction of Property (hunting related)
- 1 - Arrest for Unlicensed Driver (arrested and pending trial)

### BID OPENING 07-01 - Street Paving

President Hale opened and read Bid 07-01 for paving of the following streets; Tilghman Street, Market Street, Myrtle Avenue and Factory Street from Market

Street to Wilson Street. One bid was received. The bid was from All-Shore Paving, Inc.. Amount of bid for overlay asphalt, \$52,305.00 and trench repair, \$825.60. Commissioner Klair made a motion to have Richard Copper review the bid and if the bid meets all requirements to award the bid to All-Shore Paving Inc. Commissioner Kearns seconded the motion. Commissioners voted on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2007.

Aye - Henry Hale

Aye - Timothy Kearns

Aye - James Klair

#### TALBOT CREEK WATCHERS

Commissioner Klair announced that a copy of the Talbot Creek Watchers report is in the Town Office for review.

#### STEARNS & WHELER, COMMISSIONERS 6:00 P.M. MEETING

Commissioner Klair stated that a meeting was held with Stearns & Wheler, engineering firm and Lenny Gold, consultant prior to the town meeting. Discussion at this meeting included concerns to Town Creek and the Bay. It was brought to everyone's attention that 40% of the problem with nitrogen is from farmland. A short discussion took place at the meeting on the possibility of some way to aerate Town Creek.

#### CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION

Commissioner Klair recommend that M. Vivian of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation be contacted to invite her to give a presentation to the town at a Commissioners Meeting. It was suggested by Mr. Murray, audience, to include Roger Baldwin, Talbot Creek Watchers, to participate in the meeting with Ms. Vivian.

#### DRINKING WATER

President Hale explained that the town is faced with removal of arsenic from the drinking water and options are being looked into. The level of arsenic allowed is 10 parts per billion and the town is usually below this level, but has went above at times, therefore treatment must be put in place.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### RECYCLE CENTER

Commissioner Kearns stated that Oxford Landscaping is doing work at the recycle center to screen the igloos. This work will be completed before Oxford Day.

#### STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION - MORRIS STREET

Commissioner Klair announced that Susan Lippy, SHA, advised that a meeting will be held on 4/11/07 to go over drainage issues. Engineers and landscape architects will be attending. If the meeting on 4/11/07 goes well the next step will be to hold a meeting in May with Ms. Lippy's team and the local district. Following this there will be a meeting with the town, hopefully in June.

#### ATTORNEY

#### DRAINAGE

Attorney Thompson advised that he had met with engineers working on storm water issues involving the "Park" area. Issues include contour of land, possibly the need for additional tide gates and the need for a storage area for water. The engineers will be attending a town meeting to give a presentation.

Commissioner Klair questioned what is the work being done along Bachelors Point Road. Attorney Thompson explained that with cooperation of the property owners and coordination between Richard Copper and Talbot County Road Department the swale/ditch going to Boone Creek is being cleaned out. This should improve drainage in the area of Rhonda and Bayview Ave as well as Bachelor's Pt. Road. There is a 15' easement on the owners property.

Commissioner Klair asked if work being done at the Oxford Lab will cause any additional problems in the Park area with drainage. Attorney Thompson stated that the work at the Oxford Lab should not have any impact on the Park area.

#### AUDIENCE

Jane McCarthy commented that people should be made more aware of the harm being done to the bay from chemicals they are using on their lawns.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commissioners voted to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. The executive session was held under Section 10.508 Open Meetings Act, Maryland Code (1992 cum. Supl.) No. 2. Those in attendance were Henry Hale, Commissioner, Timothy Kearns, Commissioner, James Klair, Commissioner, David Thompson, Town Attorney and Lillian Lord, Town Clerk.

#### BILLS PAYABLE

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Lord  
Town Clerk/Treasurer