

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

August 28, 2007

LOCATION

Commissioners Meeting was held in the meeting room of the Community Services Building on August 28, 2007. The meeting was called to order by President Kearns at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Commissioners present were Timothy Kearns, James Klair and Peter Dunbar. There were approximately seven (7) people in attendance.

MINUTES

The minutes of August 14, 2007 were approved as distributed.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

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

1. Weekly water and wastewater test were taken and completed.
2. Pumping Stations and wells were checked daily.
3. Performed general maintenance throughout town (filled pot holes and removed trash).
4. Recycle Center was checked and cleaned twice weekly.
5. The flower bed at the Recycle Center was mulched and bordered.
6. Washed pumping stations and treated with deodorized degreaser.
7. Preventive maintenance was performed on the wells and emergency generators.
8. Worked on installing a swale on Tilghman Street to help with drainage.
9. Inspections of docks and parks were completed and repairs have been scheduled (inspection reports were given to the Commissioners for review).
10. Put up new light fixture in Banks Street pumping station.
11. Installed new tissue dispenser in the public rest room (mens side).
12. Alban Tractor serviced emergency generators.

Man Hole Covers

Commissioner Klair asked the status of the manhole covers located in the newly paved streets. Mrs. Lord advised that Richard Copper is in touch with someone to raise the covers. Once this is completed blacktop will be put in the area surrounding the manholes.

Public Works Superintendent

At this time President Kearns stated that the Commissioners are pleased to announce that Scott DeLude has been hired as the Public Works Superintendent. Mr. DeLude was in attendance and was introduced to the public at this time. Mr. DeLude will begin work on September 19th.

POLICE REPORT

Lt. Maxwell gave the Police Report in the absence of Chief Borga. The report consisted of the following:

- 1 - Suspended and revoked driver
- 15 - Police Informations
- 1 - Suspicious motor vehicle (ID and moved on)
- 5 - Assist the Fire Department

- 2 - Assist other Police Agencies
- 1 - Theft of a cell phone (unknown time of theft)
- 1 - Hit and Run Accident (No Injuries)

Lt. Maxwell announced that the department made an arrest for a person carrying a concealed weapon under the drivers seat.

Street Lights

Lt. Maxwell requested that the Commissioners rethink allowing the shading of street lights. Lt. Maxwell stated that there are several dark spots in town and shading of the lights becomes a public safety issue. Lt. Maxwell further stated that the intersection of Tilghman Street and Banks Street has shading on the street light and the area is very dark, the shading should be removed. Commissioner Dunbar stated that he sympathizes with people that have the lights shining in their windows. The Commissioners suggested that a call be made to Delmarva Power to see if less amount of the light can be shaded but still enough that would help the homeowner with the glare.

President Kearns stated that in working with State Highway Administration on the street scape project lighting is an issue being discussed. The Commissioners have selected a fixture that will stop glare.

Dogs on Strand Beach

Lt. Maxwell stated that many town residents use the Strand Beach to exercise their dogs. There is a bag container for picking up pet waste near the beach. Lt. Maxwell asked about removing the wording "No Dogs Allowed" from the sign in this area. The Commissioners agreed that they would take this suggestion under advisement.

REQUEST TO BE ON AGENDA - Mary Crabb

Mary Crabb, 104 Oxford Road, presented the Commissioners with a proposal from Infinity Recycling, Inc. for curbside recycling service. Ms. Crabb suggested that the first thing the town needs to know is how many people would be interested in curbside recycling. Ms. Crabb commented that she would be willing to help with this. Ms. Crabb stated that she feels the town has two options (1) go to curbside recycling or (2) move the location of the recycling.

John Cahall, 110 Oxford Road, stated that when damage was done to the bench in the Causeway Park he thought it was noise from the recycling center. Mr. Cahall suggested a time schedule for the recycling since at the present it goes on seven days a week and any hour of the day or night.

Jennifer Stanley remarked that there is no one at the recycling center to monitor activity. Ms. Stanley stated that the recycling should be moved out to the town shop.

Commissioner Dunbar stated that he has been using Infinity Recycling for some time and is concerned as to whether they can handle the addition of the complete town. Commissioner Dunbar commented that we need to talk with Mr. Schumann about his current operation and look at the proposal he has submitted.

The Commissioners thanked Mary Crabb for all the work that she has put into gathering information.

REQUEST TO BE ON AGENDA - John Shannahan

John Shannahan, owner of Oxford Yacht Agency, expressed concerns over stormwater issues regarding the property next to Oxford Yacht Agency located on Morris Street. Mr. Shannahan questioned why the property located at 315 South Morris Street does not have storm water regulations implemented.

Commissioner Klair explained there are many issues with this property including a drainage pipe belonging to State Highways that has been damaged. There is a possibility that litigation may be involved and the homeowner is aware of this. The owner of the property located at 315 South Morris Street will not receive an occupancy permit until all issues have been satisfied by the Town of Oxford.

Mr. Shannahan questioned the handling of his application to the Planning Commission regarding the elevation of his property. The Planning Commission, Mr. Shannahan stated tabled his application. Mr. Shannahan remarked that until the rezoning of "M" and "C3" properties is completed he can not do anything with his property. Mr. Shannahan further stated that 315 South Morris Street is causing erosion problems to his property.

Commissioner Dunbar advised Mr. Shannahan that the town is aware of the problems with 315 South Morris Street and they are being addressed. Commissioner Dunbar remarked that the Commissioners can not dictate cooperation between property owners. The town has done inspections at 315 South Morris Street and it is not acceptable.

The Commissioners explained that State Highway Administration, through the street scape project, is looking at storm water from Oxford Firehouse through town. The Commissioners advised Mr. Shannahan that once State Highway Administration presents their report to the town that he look the report over and give comments. Commissioner Dunbar remarked that the stormwater/drainage problems throughout town have been discussed at many meetings that he attended prior to becoming a commissioner.

Commissioner Klair noted the importance of attending town meetings in order to know what is going on and how town business is handled.

NEW BUSINESS

President Kearns announced that Scottish Creamery has been invited to sell ice cream in the area of the ferry dock during the race on Saturday, September 22nd. All Commissioners were in agreement to allow this.

President Kearns announced that permission has been asked by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Oxford Fire Co. to place a tent at the foot of the hill, the right side of the area, to sell crafts and sodas during the ferry race. All Commissioners were in agreement to allow this.

BILLS PAYABLE

Commissioners went to Bills Payable.

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

Aye - Timothy Kearns

Aye - James Klair

Aye - Peter Dunbar

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Lord
Town Clerk/Treasurer