

TOWN OF MILLVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP NOTES
Tuesday, November 24, 2009 (7:00 PM)

Attendance

Mayor Donald Minyon, Council Members: Gerald Hocker, Richard Thomas, Mike Jeffers and Jon Subity and Deborah Botchie, Town Manager.

Call Meeting to Order (Item #1 & #2)

Mayor Minyon called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Announcements (Item #3)

- A. The Town hall's building alarm system is working again; Millville property owner Jim Barnes of Signature Alert Security Systems assisted the Town with this project. Signature Alert will provide the security service for the next year at \$29.95 a month.
- B. Mayor Minyon announced that the Great Pumpkin Festival cost the Town a net of \$950.00 for the inaugural year which he felt was wonderful, and with some moderation next year's festival should be profitable.
- C. Mayor Minyon reminded the Council Members that the meeting packets should be picked up and reviewed before the meeting.
- D. The Mayor pointed out that D & M Electric discovered a defective GFI switch which was causing the burnout of the outside lights on the steps and the problem has been fixed.
- E. Beginning January 1, 2010 Allied Waste will picking up the trash at Town Hall for \$51.00 a quarter, or \$204.00 a year.
- F. Delmarva Power will be switching out electric meters in the coming months, installing new "smart" meters which can be controlled by computer.

New Business (Item #4)

- A. Resolution #10-03 Hiring of Anna C. Scorola: Council Member Subity motioned to approve Resolution #10-03 the hiring of Anna C. Scorolla as part-time Accounting Clerk for 22.5 hours per week. Council Member Hocker seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

MOTION PASSED.

- B. Approval of Proposed Expansion of McCarthy Stones:

Council Member Thomas motioned to accept the recommendation of the P & Z Commission and approve the proposed expansion plans of Michael McCarthy Stones, Inc. Deputy Mayor Hocker seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

MOTION PASSED.

Unfinished Business (Item #5)

- A. **Annual Donation to the Millville Fire Company:**

Mayor Minyon thanked Deputy Mayor Hocker for filling in during his absence at the Council Meeting on November 10, 2009. The Mayor recommended to the Council they select Option #2 and allow the MVFC to keep the \$5000.00 the Town has already given this year, and add to that donation the sum of 3% for the Fire Company and 3% for the Ambulance Company of the total property tax collected as specified in the Town Charter. He commented that using the tax property roll as a base for the yearly donation would be better for the MVFC budgeting purposes, because this amount would not fluctuate annually as the building permit sales could. Council Member Subity said he preferred Option #1, which gives the MVFC the difference between the \$5,000.00 donation they received already and the total of 3% of the annual property tax collection. Council Member's Hocker, Jeffers, and Thomas said they favored Option #2. Council Member Thomas motioned that the Council

adopt Option #2 giving the MVFC a one time donation of \$5,000.00, and add to that amount for 2009 only 3% of the tax payments for the Fire Company, 3% to the Ambulance Company. Deputy Mayor Hocker seconded. Roll Vote: Jeffers: yes, Hocker: yes, Subity: no, Thomas: yes, Minyon: yes. The motion was carried four to one, with Mr. Subity dissenting.

MOTION PASSED.

B. Adoption of Resolution #10-02:

Council Member Jeffers read the official Resolution out loud to the audience before Council discussion of the resolution. Debbie Phiel, of URS, was present to answer questions for Kyle Gulbranson who was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Phiel stated that the purpose of the Public Hearing on December 8, 2009 was to gather comment from the property owners of the Town on the proposed rezoning of the 26 properties marked in "red" on the map included in the Council packet. She said this action would bring the Town into compliance with their updated Comprehensive Plan approved in the Fall of 2008 designating all properties on Atlantic Avenue and Roxanna Road as the Town commercial zone. The 18 properties designated in red on the map are currently zoned residential on Atlantic Avenue along with eight (8) zoned C-1 that will be changed to C-2. Only these 26 properties will be discussed and voted on at the Public Hearing. All properties in Town can apply for rezoning to Council at anytime, and be decided on a case by case basis. Council Member Subity motioned to adopt Resolution #10-02 to hold a Public Hearing on the possible amending of the Town Zoning Ordinance 07-05. Council Member Jeffers seconded.

Poll Vote: Subity: yes, Thomas: no, Jeffers: yes, Hocker: yes, Minyon: yes. The motion was carried four to one, with Mr. Thomas dissenting.

MOTION PASSED.

C. Possible Land Acquisition:

Mayor Minyon remarked that there have been too many inconsistencies and too much time has been spent on this project, and motioned that Council withdraw any interest or offers made to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, the property owners, at this time. Council Member Jeffers seconded.

Poll Vote: Subity: yes, Jeffers: yes, Hocker: yes, Minyon: yes. The motion was carried unanimously. **MOTION PASSED.**

D. Discussion of Proposed 3,000sqft Addition to Town Hall:

Mayor Minyon asked the Council Members to think about setting a maximum price to spend to further investigate the possibility of moving forward with expansion of Town Hall. Council Member Jeffers agreed that it would be beneficial to put the project out to bid with parameters for design proposals to help gather preliminary thoughts, ideas, and drawings from local contractors. Debbie Phiel of URS commented that right now costs are below half, and there are also many grants for energy saving materials available.

Property Owners/Audience Comments and Questions (Item #6)

No comments.

Adjournment (Item #7)

Councilman Thomas made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:20PM. Deputy Mayor Hocker seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted by,
Donna M. Schwartz,
Town Clerk