



Commissioners of Leonardtown

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Mayor

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Commissioners of Leonardtown **Town Council Meeting Minutes** **June 9, 2008 ~ 4:00 P.M.**

Attendees: J. Harry Norris, Mayor
Dan Burris, Councilmember
Thomas Collier, Councilmember
Leslie E. Roberts, Councilmember

Absent: Walter Wise, Vice President
Robert Combs, Councilmember

Also in attendance were: Laschelle Miller, Town Administrator; Rebecca Sothoron, Town Treasurer; DeAnn Adler, Plans Reviewer; Teri Dimsey, Recording Secretary; Jackie Post, Fiscal Clerk. A complete list of attendees is on file at the Leonardtown Town Hall.

Mayor Norris called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. After the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Norris proceeded to take up the first item of business.

Approval of Minutes:

The meeting minutes for the May 19, 2008 Town Council meeting were presented for approval.

Mayor Norris entertained a motion to approve May 19, 2008 Town Council meeting minutes; Councilmember Collier moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Councilmember Burris; no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Soap Box Derby

Mayor Norris remarked that the Soap Box Derby was held this past weekend and we have the winners in attendance today. This is the 10th year of the Soap Box Derby here in Leonardtown on Fenwick Street. It was originally started by Commissioner Delahay and then sponsored by the Lexington Park Lions Club, who has continued to make it a successful event. We heard comments I would like to clarify that the Council sent a notice in January, informing the Lions Club, that in the 2009 we expect construction to begin on Fenwick Street as part of the streetscape program and they would need to find an alternative location during that year. We indicated we would assist in trying to find a new location in Town but the letter did not indicate that this would be the last year.

Mayor Norris stated that today we have with us, the Super Stock Division winner Jay Warnick and Abby Moran, Stock Division winner.

Mr. Warnick and Ms. Moran came forward to receive congratulations from the Mayor and Council members and each received a Certificate of Achievement, a \$25 gift certificate to the One-Stop Family Adventure Center and a tote bag containing Leonardtown memorabilia to take to the Soap Box Derby in Ohio.

Mayor Norris and the Council members wished them best of luck at Akron, Ohio.

Treasurer's Report – Rebecca Sothoron

Ms. Sothoron reported that Council's packet contain May financial information. We are 92% through the budget year. During the month I transferred \$350,000 to the MLGIP and in May we received large State and County grant payments.

Ms. Sothoron stated that there are several budget amendments on today's agenda that require Council's approval. Ms. Sothoron provided brief details of each of the budget amendments: BJ-05, BJ-06, BJ-07 and BJ-08.

Councilmember Collier moved to approve budget amendments 05, 06, 07 and 08 as presented; seconded by Councilmember Roberts, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Olde Town Pub Liquor License Request

Ms. Miller reported that several months ago Council approved a letter of support for a liquor license for Four Star Pizza. They will now be giving up the Four Star Pizza license and would like to get a license in the name of Olde Town Pub and are requesting a letter of support.

Mr. John McDonald, part owner of Olde Town Pub, explained that they wanted to offer beer, wine and liquor to their customers and have put in a dividing wall to keep the two establishments separate due to the under age kids employed at Four Star Pizza.

Councilmember Roberts moved to send a letter of support for an on-site liquor license only; seconded by Councilmember Collier; Councilmember Burriss abstained.

No further discussion, motion carried two ayes, 1 abstention.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)– Port of Leonardtown Winery

Ms. Miller reported that last month the agreement for the Port of Leonardtown Program Open Space as brought forward and approved. The MOU for the renovations was also brought forward but there were some questions and it was postponed to the following month. We are on the County's agenda at tomorrow's meeting at 10:45 a.m. which will include a presentation by the Southern Maryland Wine Grape Growers Cooperative to bring the County Commissioners up to speed. They will be approving the MOU, as well as the agreement we signed last month. We can then proceed with bidding the job for the construction of the Winery.

Before you today is the MOU between the County and the Town which spells out how the funds will be disbursed, at what point and what has to be done. The Town will be overseeing the construction and their goal is to be open in 2009.

Mr. Schaller invited the Council members to attend and remarked that this has been a year in the making and we are excited it is finally moving forward. Two of the Grape Growers Cooperative members will present but they will have quite a few members in attendance for support.

Councilmember Burris moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the Port of Leonardtown between the Town and St. Mary's County Government; seconded by Councilmember Roberts, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

St. Mary's Hospital – Overview of Future Expansion

Ms. Christine Wray, Chief Executive Officer came forward to present the overview and introduced Mark Boucot, Vice President and Frank Fearn, Director of Special Projects and Mr. John Norris, Engineer.

Ms. Wray explained to the Mayor and Council how the hospital's facilities have developed over the years, their plan for growth for 2016 and beyond and details on the planned expansion and renovations project and their timeline. They will come back before the Planning and Zoning Commission to present the project again to them. They asked Council to please express any concerns, ideas or suggestions.

Council members asked a variety of questions for clarification and expressed their concerns about parking and traffic patterns in and out of the hospital and the impact to the surrounding residential area.

Police Report – Deputy Simonds

Deputy Simonds reported that this was Traffic Enforcement Click it or Ticket Month. We conducted laser and radar assignments. We ran one along Courthouse Drive after receiving a specific complaint but did not have any speeding issues during the time frame we were there. We have noticed that these operations do appear to bring the number of accidents down a bit but we will continue to monitor.

Planning Department – DeAnn Adler

Last month the Planning and Zoning meeting was canceled; no cases were required to be heard.

At this month's meeting, scheduled for June 16, 2008, we have four cases to be reviewed, they are as follows:

- **Case # 43-08 Educational Outreach Center at 22750 Dorsey Street** – There is a public hearing scheduled for the intended use of this single family house to be used as a reading room, tutoring help center and other community activities to benefit the families living in the surrounding area. This will be run in partnership with First Saints Community Church and Leonard's Freehold.

- **Case # 45-08 J. Louis Edwards Subdivision Request on Potato Hill Farm Road** – This is a request to subdivide a farmstead and give a 3 ac. lot to a family member.
- **Case #48-08 SMECO Concept Plan, off of Hollywood Road** – Representatives from SMECO will be making a presentation of a concept plan for some proposed changes to their property.
- **Case #49-08 St. Mary's Hospital Office Building** – Representatives from the hospital will be presenting a concept plan for a new office building they are proposing on their site.

Councilmember Burriss inquired about the United Propane building.

Ms. Adler responded that she received a call from a woman who proposed to open up a school supply store along with selling premade sandwiches but she has not come in for a building permit.

Town Administrator's Report – Laschelle Miller

Streetscape Public Meeting – June 19, 2008 – 6pm – 8pm – Leonardtown Library

Ms. Miller reported that SHA is holding an open public meeting for residents to attend to learn more about the streetscape project. They will have color drawings and be there to answer any questions.

Capital for a Day

Ms. Miller reported that the Governor, his Secretaries and staff will be here in Leonardtown on Thursday, July 17, 2008. I am working with Mr. Savich to coordinate a schedule which we will present to the Governor's aide to review and finalize. More details will follow after meeting with the Governor's aide.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Norris remarked that he has re-appointments and appointments to make to various boards and has approached some of the people but still have a few folks to contact but expect to make final decisions shortly. We did hear that there is an issue with the storm drain at the building site of the Community Bank. Their permit with SHA was only for work from 9:00 am. to 12:00 pm and created some concerns from the local residents who were not notified. We typically notify the residents of any interruptions or construction work but they did not which we do not have any control over.

Upcoming Events of Interest/Meeting Reminders:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Meeting</u>
Monday, June 9	5:30 PM	Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting @ St. Mary's College
Wednesday, June 11	8:30 AM	LBA Meeting @ McKay's
Saturday, June 14	6:00 PM	Flag Day @ Governmental Center
Friday, June 13	7:00 PM	2007 River Concert Series begins @ St. Mary's College (Friday evenings)
Wednesday, June 25	5:30 PM	Business After Hours @ Appliance Source in Mechanicsville (28275 Three Notch Rd)
Saturday, June 28	6-9 PM	Downtown Tunes
Sunday, June 22 - Wednesday, June 25		MML Convention @ Ocean City
Wednesday, July 2	5:30 PM	Patriotic Concert on the Square
Friday, July 4		Independence Day Holiday – Office closed
Saturday, July 5	5-10:30 PM	Freedom Fest 2008 @ County Fairgrounds
Saturday, July 12	4-10 PM	Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival @ St. Clement's Island Museum
Saturday, July 12 & 19	7-8 PM	Evening Concerts on the Square
Saturday, July 26	6-9 PM	Downtown Tunes
Saturday, August 9	4-9 PM	Beach Party on the Square
August 7 - August 9		Li'l Margaret's Bluegrass & Music Festival @ Goddard Farm
Saturday, August 23	6-9 PM	Downtown Tunes

Council Reports:

Parks – Councilmember Combs: Absent

Capital Projects – Councilmember Collier:

Councilmember Collier reported that some streetscape work has begun along Washington Street, tearing up the old sidewalk and part of the road at the Route 5 intersection.

Streets and Roads – Councilmember Wise: Absent

MML/SMMA – Councilmember Roberts:

Councilmember Roberts reported that the SMMA meeting was held at Linda’s Café with a brief tour of the Wharf before dinner. New officers were elected and that the next time we get together will be at the upcoming convention.

Adjournment:

Councilmember Burris moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Collier seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Teri Dimsey, Recording Secretary

Approved:

J. Harry Norris, III, Mayor

Absent
Walter Wise, Vice President

Daniel W. Burris, Councilmember

Thomas R. Collier, Councilmember

Absent
Robert C. Combs, Councilmember

Leslie E. Roberts, Councilmember