



Commissioners of Leonardtown

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J. HARRY NORRIS
Mayor

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Commissioners of Leonardtown **Town Council Meeting Minutes** **June 16, 2009 ~ 4:00 P.M.**

Attendees: J. Harry Norris, Mayor
Walter Wise, Vice President
Dan Burris, Councilmember
Thomas Collier, Councilmember
Robert Combs, Councilmember
Leslie E. Roberts, Councilmember

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

Mayor Norris called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. He called for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and proceeded to take up the first item of business.

Mayor Norris stated that there was a Public Hearing at the June 8, 2009 meeting regarding the budget and prior to that the budget was submitted and we had two workshops. The budget was then submitted on June 8, 2009 for adoption but was tabled until today's meeting to allow for additional time for any comments or questions.

Mayor Norris noted that the budget is on the table today for adoption along with setting the tax rate of .137 as proposed, which is the constant yield.

Mayor Norris entertained a motion to accept the budget and setting the tax rate at 0.137.

Councilmember Collier moved to approve Ordinance #144 - Adopting the Budget and Setting the Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2010 at 0.137; seconded by Councilmember Combs:

Councilmember Burris inquired if there were any new public comments.

Ms. McKay and Ms. Sothoron replied there were not.

There being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Norris stated that questions raised during the June 8th meeting regarding the boiler replacement have been addressed. One question regarded the bids for \$7,800 from Burch Oil and \$7,245 from SMO and \$9,800 from Ridge Oil and why staff recommended going with Burch Oil and not SMO. It was determined that SMO submitted a bid with the incorrect boiler size; the boiler was not the size the specifications required. SMO was contacted and given an opportunity to correct it and we never received a subsequent bid.

Another question was whether or not it was possible to have other people to do this kind of work and staff did research this but Mr. Johnson went right to Thomas Sommerville and their cost was \$3,700 for the equipment alone and then based on the bids we received we determined an estimate to install the boiler would be approximately \$3,500, therefore there would be no savings. Even more importantly doing this eliminated the warranty. Therefore, staff recommends we accept the boiler bid as presented from Burch Oil.

Councilmember Collier moved to accept the boiler bid proposal from Burch Oil; Councilmember Roberts seconded, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Norris asked Ms. McKay to brief Council on her recent streetscape meeting.

Ms. McKay remarked that she met with State Highway and they were able to look at all the progress and upcoming work and it was determined that they will not be tearing up any more spots until some of the work that is in progress is finished. You will all see a lot of improvement over the next few weeks. Much of the work will be the laying of the brick pavers. Also, there is a major storm pipe across Fenwick Street and this work will be done at night to make it a bit less disruptive for the businesses and traffic.

Councilmember Collier noted that there are a few spots where the sidewalk is buckling and is a hazard to walkers.

Ms. McKay stated that they are aware of this problem and it will be ripped up and fixed as soon as possible.

Councilmember Burris inquired about the work being done in front of Fenwick Used Books; it seems to be taking an extremely long time.

Ms. McKay responded that the State Highway Coordinator, Greta, will be meeting with Mr. Orlando to update him on the work outside of his building.

Mayor Norris stated that we have run into quite a few major issues with this project, meeting specific ADA requirements which changed due to new regulation, battling the old infrastructure, finding unknown buried objects, some State Highway engineering details and the rainy weather.

Mayor Norris entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council will stay for Executive Session on personnel and litigation matters.

Councilmember Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilmember Collier seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Teri Dimsey, Recording Secretary

Approved:

J. Harry Norris, III, Mayor

Walter Wise, Vice President

Daniel W. Burris, Councilmember

Thomas R. Collier, Councilmember

Robert C. Combs, Councilmember

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