



Commissioners of Leonardtown

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Commissioners of Leonardtown **Town Council Meeting Minutes** **August 9, 2010 ~ 4:00 P.M.**

Attendees: J. Harry Norris, Mayor
Walter Wise, Vice President
Dan Burris, Councilmember
Roger Mattingly, Councilmember
Leslie E. Roberts, Councilmember

Absent: Thomas Collier, Councilmember

Also in attendance were: Laschelle McKay, Town Administrator; DeAnn Adler, Plans Reviewer; Teri Dimsey, Recording Secretary; Jackie Post, Fiscal Clerk; Cpl. Smolarsky, SMCSO. 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. and called for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. McKay stated that there are two additional items to today's agenda under the Town Administrator's report. We will be adding an EDU issue and also a letter to the State for Sustainable Communities tax information.

Mayor Norris proceeded to take up the first item of business.

Approval of Minutes:

The meeting minutes for July 12, 2010 Town Council meeting were presented for approval.

Mayor Norris entertained a motion to accept the minutes as presented.

Councilmember Mattingly moved to approve the July 12, 2010 Town Council meeting minutes; seconded by Councilmember Roberts; no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Ms. Sothoron

Mayor Norris noted that Ms. Sothoron is not in attendance today but did provide Council with a written report.

COUNCIL: WALTER WISE, *Vice President* DANIEL W. BURRIS
THOMAS R. COLLIER ROGER L. MATTINGLY LESLIE E. ROBERTS

Ms. McKay read that Ms. Sothoron reported that during the month of July \$25,000 was transferred to MLGIP. There are only a few adjustments to be made on the income statement as it is close to the end of the fiscal year. Property tax bills were mailed last week. Preparation for the fall audit is underway. Ms. Post has been working on the meter verification.

Planning Report – DeAnn Adler

Last month our Planning and Zoning meeting was held on July 19, 2010 at 4:00 pm. There were three cases to be heard:

Case # 13-10 – 22635 Washington Street – This was a request for final site plan approval for a new single family home to be built on the property located on the corner of Lawrence Ave. and Washington Street. This request received unanimous approval.

Case # 50-10 at 22500 Washington Street at the Leonardtown Wharf – This was a request for a boundary line adjustment. This request received unanimous approval also.

This month our Planning and Zoning meeting will be held on August 16, 2010 at 4:00 pm.

We have two cases to be heard, both for Leonard's Grant. One is a request for record plat approval for Phases 3 and 5a, and the other one is for architectural approval of a small clubhouse at the recreation center.

A final version of our Stormwater Management Ordinance was submitted to the State for review and comment.

Deputy Report - Deputy Smolarsky

Deputy Smolarsky reported that the statistical analysis for the past two months shows that the accidents have decreased along the Route 5 corridor.

Town Administrator Report – Laschelle McKay

Ms. McKay reported that Mr. David Taxman is here today representing Desman and Associates who conducted the Rte. 245 Traffic Planning Study. This study is a joint project between the Town, the County Commissioners, St. Mary's Hospital and the College of Southern Maryland. They have finalized the study and are here today to present the results.

Mr. Taxman introduced himself and provided Council with an overview of the reasons for the study, how it was conducted and summarized the details of the study. Mr. Taxman focused on the major areas of concern along Rte. 5 and Hollywood Road and the impact of traffic as it increases throughout the next twenty years and their recommendations. He explained their methods and described the actions that the principals will need to consider to alleviate the stress of traffic in the major areas of concern over the next twenty years. He also noted that he will be delivering this presentation to the County Commissioners at their meeting tomorrow.

The Council Members asked a variety of questions regarding the traffic statistics, how they were determined and how they are applied and utilized to the specific traffic issues. They also inquired about the use and effects of putting in by-passes from the main arteries.

Councilmember Roberts stated that this information is much of what we already knew but now we have the facts and figures to assist us with making informed decisions.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Taxman for his in depth presentation of the Rte. 245 Traffic Planning study and wished him well for his next presentation to the County.

Mayor Norris asked Ms. McKay to proceed with her report.

Ms. McKay reported that the new Water Trails brochure is out and one was given to each of the Council Members. She noted that Ms. Dimsey and she were committee members with the County's Recreation and Parks Department and a group of paddlers from around the County, and that DNR funded the brochure.

Ms. McKay stated that Leonard's Grant will be on the Planning and Zoning Commission agenda next week for Phase 3 and 5a, recordation of plats, which adds some additional lots. We do not have full capacity at this time. Previously we had allocated 225 EDUs of sewer capacity and eventually the total number they will need is 335. They will then be short 33 EDUs. They are requesting an additional 33 EDUs to allocate to the Leonard's Grant project so that they can record the plats for Phases 3 and 5a to continue development.

Councilmember Burris asked when development of Phase 4 and 5b will begin.

Ms. McKay responded that Phase 4 is fully designed and Phase 5b still has some environmental issues that need to be resolved.

Councilmember Roberts moved to release 33 EDUs to Leonard's Grant to continue development for Phases 3 and 5A; seconded by Councilmember Burris; no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McKay reported that the State is consolidating a number of programs under the Smart Growth cabinet and it includes the Community Legacy which we have utilized a number of times in the past. We would be confirming and certifying that our PIRD zone district map is what we consider our re-development area. There is a deadline for submittal to qualify for tax credits and to continue under these programs.

Councilmember Roberts moved to authorize Mayor Norris to sign the letter to certify our PIRD District; seconded by Councilmember Mattingly; no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Norris stated that we have in the audience today the Board of Directors for the Leonardtown Business Association (LBA). He asked the President, Dan Norris, to make introductions.

Mr. Norris commented that they had recently held an officers meeting and the consensus was that the officers wanted to attend the Town Council meetings more often to keep updated and become more involved with the Town.

Councilmember Roberts thanked the LBA officers and members for all their time and efforts with First Friday and Beach Party.

Mayor Norris asked for any observations about the weekend events.

Mr. Joe Orlando thanked Ms. McKay for all her hard work and time she put into Beach Party. He also thanked the Town for supporting LBA. There were lots of people who live in the surrounding States that came into Town and they were so impressed with the Town and the event.

Mr. Randy Ritchie also thanked the Town for support of LBA and noted that he was asked to help start some late night music in Town and begun with one night a month and we hope to have several nights a week in the future and to make Leonardtown the destination point for tourism in St. Mary's County.

Mayor Norris introduced Ms. Jenna Therres, our new Events Coordinator, and asked her to provide the Council with a brief background.

Ms. Therres stated that she graduated from Coastal Carolina University in South Carolina. Her family is local and has been in the area for quite some time. She is looking forward to creating new events and working on the current events.

Mayor's Report

Council Reports

Events: - Councilmember Mattingly

Councilmember Mattingly thanked the Town staff for a great Beach Party and for all of their hard work, along with the LBA members. He feels the Town events are important, they bring people into Town and the businesses get more involved in the community. He also wanted to recognize the facilities employees, Joe, Greg and Timmy, for setting up and cleaning up, and all the other duties required throughout the events.

Upcoming Events of Interest/Meeting Reminders:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Meeting</u>
Thursday, August 12	4 - 10 PM	"Lil" Margaret's Bluegrass & Old Time Music Festival
Friday, August 13	3 - 11 PM	
Saturday, August 14	9 AM-11 PM	
Tuesday, August 31	11:30 AM	State of the County Luncheon
September 11	10 AM - 3 PM	Fall Follies on the Square in Leonardtown
September 19	12 PM - 5 PM	Taste of St. Mary's Leonardtown Square
September 23-26	TH 3 - 9 PM FR 9 AM-9 PM ST 9 AM-9 PM SN 9 AM -6 PM	St. Mary's County Fair - County Fairgrounds

'Streets and Roads - Councilmember Wise

Councilmember Wise reported that he has done some patch work throughout town to repair several potholes.

Capital Projects – Councilmember Collier

No Report

Community Development – Councilmember Burris

Councilmember Burris remarked that he has begun keeping a list of commercial properties that are available for sale. If you have any information to add please let him know so he can inform callers of any commercial properties for sale or rent.

MML/SMMA – Councilmember Roberts

Councilmember Roberts reported that the next SMMA meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 1, 2010 and will be hosted by the Town of La Plata.

Mayor Norris entertained a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Wise moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:07 p.m.; Councilmember Mattingly seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Teri Dimsey, Recording Secretary

Approved:

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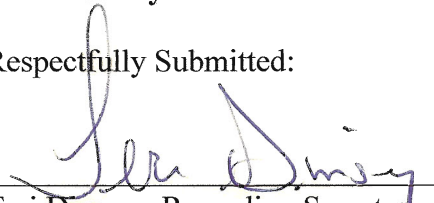
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