



Commissioners of Leonardtown

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Commissioners of Leonardtown **Town Council Meeting Minutes** **April 11, 2011 ~ 4:00 P.M.**

Attendees: J. Harry Norris, Mayor
Walter Wise, Vice President
Daniel W. Burris, Councilmember
Thomas R. Collier, Councilmember
Roger L. Mattingly, Councilmember
Leslie E. Roberts, Councilmember

Also in attendance were: Laschelle McKay, Town Administrator; Rebecca Sothoron, Treasurer; Teri Dimsey, Recording Secretary; Dick Myers, The Bay Net; Jay Friess, The Enterprise. 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. and called for 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 March 14, 2011 Town Council meeting were presented for approval.

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

Councilmember Collier moved to approve the March 14, 2011 Town Council meeting minutes; seconded by Councilmember Burris; no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Ms. Sothoron

Ms. Sothoron reported that \$160,000 was transferred to the Operating Account and \$200,000 was transferred to a CD for investment. We are 75% through the budget year. She is happy to report that after 30 years the final payment was made on the debt repayment loan to the Maryland Department of Environment for expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant back in 1981. The rate structure study is being set aside as the budget preparation takes priority. We have had some of the best meter readings yet which we hope will yield better data for the consumption analysis.

Planning Report – Laschelle McKay

One case was heard during last month's Planning and Zoning Board meeting:

Case # 3-11 22530 Washington Street – Request for subdivision approval of Mr. Russo's property at the bottom of Washington Street into two lots. Approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission was granted.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2011. One case is scheduled to be heard, along with a public hearing scheduled for 4:05 pm:

Public Hearing at 4:05 pm: To present for public review and comment, comprehensive changes to the Leonardtown Zoning Ordinance, the Sign Ordinance, and changes to Chapter 112 and 147 of the Leonardtown Code.

A public hearing will also be held at the next Town Council meeting on Monday, May 9, 2011 on the same subject.

Case # 13-11 41880 Baldrige Street – Request for concept plan approval of the Adult Detention Center Expansion project.

Deputy Report – Deputy Smolarsky

No report. Deputy Smolarsky is still on light desk duty but is expected to return to full duty in May. Gerry Johnson has told us that we have support from the Sheriff's office and can contact them as needed during Deputy Smolarsky's absence.

Town Administrator Report – Laschelle McKay

Happy Dragon Liquor License Letter of Support- King Tseng has had a Restaurant liquor license since 1991. She is selling her business to Xiong Bin Ye. The name, Happy Dragon, will stay the same. King will still have her name on the license as an authorized signer but will have no ownership in the LLC. She would like a letter of support to transfer her Class B, on/off site BWL license to the new owners.

Councilmember Mattingly moved to approve sending a favorable letter of recommendation to the Liquor Board; seconded by Councilmember Burris, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McKay reported that there are still a few minor issues to be resolved regarding the streetscape project and a letter outlining these issues has been sent to the State Highway Administration District 5 Engineer.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Norris reported that the recent vandalism of the Wharf with the graffiti and boardwalk destruction would not be lightly tolerated and the vandals will be fully prosecuted.

Mayor Norris stated that he had had some discussions with Bob Schaller, St. Mary's County Director of Economic Development and with the Southern Maryland Regional Office Representative, Mr. Steve Wall, in regards to attracting more light industry into Leonardtown.

He also mentioned that this past month was the deadline for the “If I Were Mayor I Would...Essay Contest” sponsored by the Maryland Municipal League and to encourage participation, he holds a mock council each year at one or two of the local elementary schools. This year’s visit was to Leonardtown Elementary School.

Council Reports

Events - Councilmember Mattingly

Upcoming Events of Interest/Meeting Reminders:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event/Meeting</u>
Saturday, April 16	8:30 AM	16 th Run & Fun Walk for Hospice @ Governmental Center
Sunday, April 17	12:30 AM – 4:00 PM	Earth Day Celebration on the Square
Sunday, April 24	7:30 AM	Easter Son-Rise Service @ Leonardtown Wharf (Leonardtown Church of the Nazarene)
Wednesday, April 27	11:30 AM	Chamber Quarterly Members’ Luncheon Staff Appreciation Day @ Outback Steakhouse
Wednesday, April 27	5:30 PM-7:00 PM	Chamber Business After Hours @ Lenny’s Restaurant
Thursday, April 28 thru Sat., May 1	5:00 PM – 11:00 PM 10:00 AM – 11:00 PM	So. Md. 17 th Annual Spring Festival @ SMC Fairgrounds
Saturday, April 30	9:00 AM	March of Dimes Walk through downtown Leonardtown
Sunday, May 1	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Spring Fling XXVI Classic Car Show on the Square (Raindate: May 8)
Friday, May 6	5:00 PM	First Friday in Leonardtown
Wednesday, May 11	11:30 AM 1:30PM -6:30 PM	Chamber Business Awards Luncheon Chamber Business Showcase @ So. Md. Higher Education Center
Friday, May 13	8:30 AM	LBA Meeting (Location TBD)

Economic Development – Councilmember Burris

Councilmember Burris reported that the Leonardtown Arts Center will hold a soft opening in conjunction with the Earth Day Celebration as a sneak preview before the grand opening sometime in May.

Streets and Roads – Councilmember Wise - No Report

Capital Projects – Councilmember Collier

Councilmember Collier reported that the Wharf vandalism was cleaned up and repaired quickly and efficiently by Mr. Tony Wheatley.

MML/SMMA – Councilmember Robert

Councilmember Roberts reported that the next SMMA meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20th. MML has been working diligently on the legislative issues to argue the importance of the impact it has on the municipalities. The MML Convention is fast approaching and will be held in Ocean City, June 26-29, 2011.

Mayor Norris entertained a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Collier moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:37 p.m.; Councilmember Wise seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Teri Dimsey, Recording Secretary

Approved:

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