

**MINUTES
HAMILTON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 9, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Hamilton Town Council was convened at 7:00 PM with the following attendance:

PRESENT: Greg K. Wilmoth, Mayor
John Unger, Vice Mayor
Kenneth C. Wine, Council member
David R. Simpson, Council member
Dimitri Kesari, Council member
Michael Snyder, Council member

ABSENT: James Thomas Rollins, Jr., Council member

STAFF: Lori Jones, Treasurer
David Beniamino, Zoning Administrator
Maureen Gilmore, Town Attorney
Jennifer Helbert, Recorder

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Wilmoth called the Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Wilmoth led the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joylyn Hannahs of 257 East Colonial Highway came forward to speak. Ms. Hannahs stated that she was here to speak about the Town's tornado warning system. She stated that the Town does not have a tornado warning system within the Town and she would propose using the old Fire Department alarm as a warning system. Her second item was that she spent a good part of the day at the park and believes that it is a mess. Ms. Hannahs stated that the park has not been mulched and there is no restroom facility there and lastly she stated that it is very difficult to turn around in the park and to get out.

Geary Higgins candidate for Supervisor in the Catoctin District came forward to speak. Mr. Higgins spoke to the Council about his run for Supervisor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council member Kesari made a motion to approve the Town Council meeting minutes of February 14, 2011 with minor changes.

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Motion: Council member Kesari
Second: Council member Wine
Carried: 6-0-1 with Rollins absent

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Well 12 Update – Mayor Wilmoth stated that the contractor that put the pump in ran a generator there and now it seems that there may be an issue with the pump that was put in so the contractor and the manufacturer are working on the issue.

Miss Utility – Line Locator – Mayor Wilmoth stated that when the vendor came and looked at the line locator that the Town had they determined that what the Town has is sufficient and they would help get more use out of it as opposed to purchasing a new one.

Water Line Flushing – Mayor Wilmoth stated that they did a lot of testing of hydrants and documented those tests. Documentation of these tests had not been done in the past. He stated that the flushing was a success. He stated that they did identify four hydrants that needed work and that will be taken care of in the near future.

Diesel Tank at WWTP – Mayor Wilmoth stated that there was a 275 gallon fuel tank at the WWTP and DEQ has mentioned in several reports that they would like to have a containment situation there so the Town purchased a double wall tank from Valley Energy.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE:

Town Water Restrictions - Mayor Wilmoth stated that the Town has had voluntary water restrictions in place for some time. He stated that the State does not like for you to have them in place just to have them and he felt that the Town had good reason until recently but now he believes that the voluntary restrictions can be lifted but he wants people to be conscious.

Council member Wine made a motion that the Town Council remove the voluntary water restrictions and go to normal water usage and that a letter go into the next water bill notifying people of the restrictions being lifted and asking that everyone continue to conserve water.

Motion: Council member Wine
Second: Council member Kesari
Carried: 6-0-1 with Rollins absent

SCADA System for Utilities – Mayor Wilmoth stated that what is in the agenda packet is a plan for financing of these installations. He stated that he would be speaking to David Rigby about this and the biggest benefit would be the cost savings to the Town.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Volunteers - Hamilton Day – The Council discussed cleanup of the park as well as having a port a potty there.

Ms. Michon gave an update on the preparations for Hamilton Day.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Monthly Treasurer's Report – Ms. Jones issued a report to the Council and answered any questions that they had about the report.

Council member Wine made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as amended.

Motion: Vice Mayor Unger
Second: Council member Kesari
Carried: 6-0-1 with Rollins absent

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

FY 2012 Budget Preparations – Vice Mayor Unger went over a few changes to the draft budget with the Council.

PUBLIC SAFETY & ZONING ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE:

Mr. Beniamino was not present at the meeting.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Council member Simpson stated that they have advertised for an Administrative Assistant and we are hoping to get someone on board for training before the current Administrative Assistant leaves.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Chairman McCann stated that the Planning Commission would be meeting next Wednesday night and one of the things they will begin to discuss is the Land Development and Subdivision Ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS:

None Scheduled

NEW BUSINESS:

Fire Department Siren – Tornado Alerts – Council member Simpson stated that he would contact the County about the County adding Hamilton to their “robo call” if there is a tornado warning.

Annexation of Old Rescue Squad – Mayor Wilmoth stated that he has been contacted by a perspective buyer for the old rescue squad which is in the County.

Water Line Extension to Fire Department – The Council decided that they would like to look into further negotiation on this item.

Sewer Connection Application – 6 Burke Circle - The Council decided that they would send the owners a letter and let them know that the Town would consider their request but they will need to follow the sewer connection application procedure. The letter will also include notification that the Town does have capacity to serve them and that the fees will need to be paid.

Bouman Property Update – Ms. Gilmore gave the Council an update on the Bouman Property.

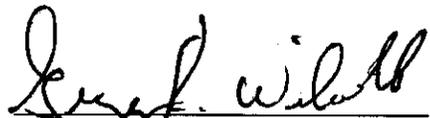
Council member Snyder made a motion that the Town take the County’s word on nothing and that all communication between the County and the Town be in writing to the Town Attorney.

Motion: Council member Snyder
Second: Vice Mayor Unger
Carried: 6-0-1 with Rollins absent

CLOSED SESSION: Council decided that they did not need a closed session.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.


Greg K. Wilmoth, Mayor


Jennifer L. Helbert, Recorder