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Town Council Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2024

Town Hall– 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

- Council Members Present: Greg Brewer, Bryan Burney, Chad Gooding, Scott Jones, John Price
- Employees: Paul Casey, Ron Crider, Tim Gropp, Mark Witsman
- Clerk-Treasurer: Stephanie Crider
- Town Attorney: Beth Copeland

Introduction of New Members

- Mr. Brewer welcomed the new Council members, Chad Gooding and John Price.

Election of Officers

- Motion by Mr. Jones to nominate Greg Brewer to President. Burney. 5-0
- Motion by Mr. Gooding to nominate Scott Jones to Vice President. Burney. 5-0

Town Council Liaison Appointments

- Motion by Mr. Jones to accept the list. Burney. 5-0

Approval of Minutes

- Motion by Mr. Burney to approve the December 12th special meeting minutes as presented. Jones. 3-0
- Motion by Mr. Burney to approve the December 12th meeting minutes as presented. Jones. 3-0

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

- Posted online.

Public Comments for non-agenda items

- Blair Borrmann, 6843 W Thornebush Dr, wanted a follow up to the meeting with Brad Schoeff with the effect of all the concerts at Daniel's Vineyard in September. Mr. Borrmann elaborated on his history in McCordsville and why he chose to build his home at Giest Woods Estates. He stated that in 2017 that the Friday night concert series started and that is when the trouble began for himself and his neighbors. Mr. Borrmann quoted several former Town Council members from meetings in the past.
- Mr. Brewer referenced the Special Events Permit Policy.

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- Mr. Price stated that several of these policies will need to be reviewed, specifically the Special Events Permit and the Noise Ordinance. Mr. Price also suggested the possibility of putting together a group to review the policies and permits in question.
- Mr. Brewer agreed with the idea of putting together the group to include a Council member, public safety, staff, etc.
- Motion by Mr. Gooding to establish a committee to review the policies in question. Jones. 5-0
- Mr. Brewer elaborated on the exact members that should meet to discuss being one council member, metro board member, a member of the police department, someone from the Vernon Township Fire Department, staff, and legal counsel.
- Mr. Gooding questioned whether staff are reviewing access to venues and whether these specific events are up to code.
- Mr. Gropp stated that this needs to be reviewed Town wide and not just limited to Daniel's Vineyard.
- Mr. Burney suggested that there be a citizen on the board as well.
- Ms. Copeland questioned if this was a zoning issue that would need to be addressed.

Committee & Staff Reports

- **Finance Committee:** The finalization of the salary ordinance was discussed.
- **Parks Board:** Mr. Gropp gave a presentation of the highlights of the previous year. The community center is the main focus for the Parks Board for 2024.
- **Redevelopment Commission:** Nomination of positions and the purchase of the blue house were the main discussions at the meeting.
- **Vernon Township Fire Committee:** They had to reaffirm the Fire Chief for the year, the new ambulance will arrive sometime around June or July, and they are fully staffed.
- **Public Works Committee:** They are presenting a few invoices in the consent agenda; the fire station signs and the guardrail recommendation.
- **Architectural Review Committee:** Section E in Colonnade was reviewed, and the PUD specified specific architectural standards, which led to only a few elevations being approved due to the lack of brick wrap, so they were asked to return to the next meeting. They approved the architectural design for a daycare at the Sports Park and they approved Lennar's request for Summerton.
- **Plan Commission:** did not meet.
- **McCord Square Review Committee:** did not meet.

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Consent Agenda

- Mr. Witsman gave an explanation to Mr. Burney's question regarding the Secondary plat amendment on the agenda.
- The consent agenda included the Public Safety Report, Hancock County MOU, Guardrail Recommendation, Daystar invoice, Fire Station signs, and Colonnade 3C & 3A Secondary plat.
- Motion by Mr. Jones to approve the consent agenda as presented. Burney. 5-0

Old Business

Ordinance 111423C - Right-of-way Vacation of Alley

- Mr. Brewer opened the public hearing.
- Mr. Brewer closed the public hearing.
- Motion by Mr. Jones to approve Ordinance 111423C. Burney. 5-0

Resolution 121223 – Soccer Park Fiscal Plan

- Jennifer Hudson, London Witte Group, explained the cost of the lift station and the requirement for the lift station for the development.
- Mr. Price questioned the requirement to provide the sewer service provided the development does not occur.
- Ms. Hudson explained that they would have to provide the sewer service within the time period set forth in the plan.
- Motion by Mr. Jones to approve Resolution 121223. Burney. 4-1
 - Greg Brewer – Yay
 - Bryan Burney – Yay
 - Scott Jones – Yay
 - Chad Gooding – Yay
 - John Price - Nay

2024 Town Council Meeting Schedule

- Motion by Mr. Burney to approve the Town Council meeting schedule. Jones. 5-0

New Business

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Board & Commission Appointments – 1 RDC; 1 Metropolitan Police Commission

- Mr. Brewer explained the recommendations from the Council.
- Motion by Mr. Burney to approve Pete Murphy to the RDC for one year and John Beal to the Metro Board for a three-year term. Jones. 5-0

Ordinance 010924 – Park Board Member Appointments

- Mr. Gropp explained the need for this Ordinance and putting us in compliance.
- Mr. Brewer questioned the language regarding length of terms and suggested the clean-up of the terms before the next meeting.
- Mr. Burney suggested a clarification of the language to state park district and not school board district.

2024 Capital Projects Plan

- Mr. Witsman explained the document attached and that it highlights the projects that need to be completed in 2024.
- Mr. Witsman elaborated on particular projects, specifically road projects.
- Mr. Witsman explained the single lane roundabout and the intent for this on 900 N.
- Mr. Brewer asked for a review of the cost of the lift station and its importance in knowing how this impacts the Town positively.
- Mr. Price questioned the Gateway signage and Mr. Gropp explained that the plan is to have signage at all the entrances to McCordsville.
- Motion by Mr. Jones to approve the Capital Projects Plan as presented. Burney. 5-0

Community Crossing Matching Grant Program Commitment Letter

- Motion by Mr. Burney to have the Council President sign the financial commitment letter. Jones. 5-0

Town Manager's Report

- Town Council Retreat is set for January 27, 2024, at the Old Oakland Golf Course and the agenda was reviewed.
- Mr. Gropp explained that there are several job postings.
- Mr. Brewer questioned timing on the Police Department and Mr. Gropp explained that they are on time and in budget.

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Town Councilor's Comments

- Mr. Burney explained revenue streams and why this is important in regard to assessed values and developers' discounts. Mr. Burney referenced Weaver's Landing and the developers' discount being removed.
- Mr. Brewer welcomed the new members to the Council and also stated that Mr. Burney's points should be reviewed by the Finance Committee.

Voucher Approval

- Motion by Mr. Burney to approve the vouchers. Jones. 5-0

Adjournment

- Motion by Mr. Jones to adjourn the meeting. Burney. 8:37 p.m.

Minutes Approval

These minutes approved this 13th day of February.

Greg Brewer, Council President

Attest: _____
Stephanie Crider, Clerk-Treasurer