

A Town Meeting of the Thurmont Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. The following were present: Commissioner Blakeslee President Pro-Tem; Commissioner Blakeslee, Terpko and Muth; Clerk Rick May; Jim Rada (Dispatch); Beverly Zienda; Carol Robertson; Gene Bollinger; Tom Iaccarino; Randy Cubbedge; Chief Eyler; Brenda Eyler; Ingrid Mezzo (Gazette); Brian Lynch and Sterling Bollinger. (Mayor Burns-absent attending County Meeting).

Commissioner Hooper welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Commissioner Blakeslee led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Hooper read a closed executive session statement from February 14, 2006 (see attached).

The first item on the agenda is the Consent Agenda:

- Approval of Meeting Minutes for February 7, 2006

Commissioner Blakeslee made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Terpko seconded the motion. Vote 3-for, 0-against; motion carried.

The next item on the agenda is a presentation by Colorfest, Inc. Ms. Beverly Zienda, President of Colorfest, Inc presented the Town of Thurmont with a check for \$2,000.00. Ms. Zienda also mentioned Colorfest, Inc. would like to erect a 25' flagpole at the ball field in the Thurmont Community Park. Ms. Carol Robertson stated Colorfest, Inc will sponsor \$1 per pound in Commissioner Terpko's endeavor to reduce weight and in addition if he should lose 50 or more pounds, he will be treated to one hot fudge sundae at a restaurant of his choice.

The next item on the agenda is discussion of the police department building. Commissioner Hooper read a letter of recommendation from the Thurmont Police Commission Chairman Tom Iaccarino (see attached). Mr. Tom Iaccarino commented on the first recommendation, the Town of Thurmont should proceed alone in the planned construction of the new Thurmont Police Department station would allow the town to remain on schedule and keep the construction cost in an area which the town feels comfortable. There was a discussion amongst the Board regarding the first recommendation. Mr. Brian Lynch, 219 Westview Drive voiced concerns regarding use of the proposed building. Commissioner Terpko stated other agencies will be allowed to use the building however, it will not be designated as a substation for the Frederick County Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Blakeslee made a motion to accept the Thurmont Police Commissions' recommendation to proceed alone in the planned construction of the Thurmont Police building. Commissioner Terpko seconded the motion. Vote 3-for, 0-against; motion carried. Mr. Iaccarino stated the second recommendation on the size of the new Thurmont Police station should be 8,100 net square feet. Mr. Sterling Bollinger, 1 Linda Court voiced concerns regarding whether the Town of Thurmont actually needs an 8100 square foot building and commented on the use of temporary holding cells. Chief Eyler commented on the purpose of having temporary holding cells in the proposed police building. There was a general discussion

regarding the size and use of the new police building. Commissioner Blakeslee made a motion to accept the Thurmont Police Commissions' recommendation regarding the size of the new police building with the exception it should read approximately 8,100 square feet. Commissioner Muth seconded the motion. Vote 3-for, 0-against; motion carried. Mr. Iaccarino commented on the third recommendation of selecting NuTec Design Associates as the A/E firm for the new Thurmont Police Department building. Mr. Randy Cubbedge, 310 East Main Street questioned whether NuTec Design was the lowest bidder of the A/E firms. Mr. Iaccarino stated NuTec Design was not the lowest bidder. Mr. Cubbedge questioned why the lowest bidder was not selected. Mr. Iaccarino stated the Thurmont Police Commission reviewed the proposals and although other firms had lower bids, NuTec Design's proposal was more complete and had a quality proposal than the other firms. Mr. Cubbedge questioned the difference in bid amounts. Commissioner Blakeslee stated the difference in proposal amounts was approximately \$24,000.00. There was a general discussion regarding the bid proposals. Commissioner Blakeslee stated NuTec Design Associates provided the best pricing for the overall package. Mr. Iaccarino stated in the RFP to each of the four architect/engineering firms, it was specifically stated the Town of Thurmont was looking for a very cost effective police building as a criteria for evaluating their proposals, ascetically pleasing, fit into the architectural design of the town, to be innovative and modern. Commissioner Blakeslee made a motion to accept the Thurmont Police Commissions' third recommendation to select NuTec Design Associates as the A/E contractor for the new Thurmont Police Department station. Commissioner Terpko seconded the motion. Vote 3-for, 0-against; motion carried.

Commissioner Muth questioned how the Board of Commissioners should proceed with the ARRO change proposals. The consensus of the Board is to place the ARRO change proposals on the February 28, 2006 Town Meeting agenda.

Commissioner Terpko stated Mayor Burns has selected Guardian Hose Fire Company building fund as his weight loss program charity. Commissioner Blakeslee stated he has selected ½ for the Military Support Group and ½ for the Trolley Trail as his weight loss program charities. Commissioner Muth stated he has selected Catoctin High School's Safe & Sane as his weight loss program charity. Commissioner Hooper stated he has selected ½ for the Guardian Hose Fire Company building fund and ½ for park equipment as his weight loss program charities. Commissioner Terpko commented on the weight loss program and stated the official weigh-in will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Terpko mentioned the Recycling Commission meeting will be held on Monday, February 27, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Terpko mentioned the Colorfest Commission met on Monday, February 20, 2006. Commissioner Terpko presented the Board with a copy of the proposed changes for this year's Colorfest (see attached).

Commissioner Blakeslee commented on the Economic Development Committee meeting held on February 15, 2006, the speaker was Kate Wyatt representing Journey through Hallowed Ground. Commissioner Blakeslee mentioned next week he will present the Board of Commissioners with a letter from a local businessman who has proposed a

Thurmont business challenge to provide funding for additional park equipment. Commissioner Blakeslee stated the Police Commission meeting will be held on February 22, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Blakeslee stated Chief Eyler will host "Meet the Chief Night" on February 27, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Blakeslee stated the Thurmont Police Department along with the Mid Atlantic Regional Community Police Institute will host a two day seminar regarding Community Policing on March 18th & 19th at the Cozy Restaurant. Commissioner Blakeslee mentioned the Thurmont Business Expo will be held on March 31, 2006 from 6-9 p.m. in the gymnasium at the Catocin High School.

Commissioner Hooper mentioned the Park Commission meeting was held on February 8, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. and field allocations are complete. Commissioner Hooper mentioned a league has requested the use of the concession stand at Eyler Road Park for storage purposes. The consensus of the Board is to allow the league the use of the building. Commissioner Hooper mentioned the next Park Commission meeting will be held on March 8, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Hooper stated there are two vacancies on the Park Commission, anyone interested in serving on the Park Commission should contact the Thurmont Town Office. Commissioner Blakeslee reminded residents the 50-60's Night Committee will be sponsoring a raffle fundraiser of a 10 piece patio set to raise monies for this year's 50-60's Night, \$1.00 a chance. Commissioner Blakeslee also mentioned on an auction.

Mr. Sterling Bollinger, 1 Linda Court voiced his concerns regarding improper annexations.

Commissioner Hooper requested the Board to go into Closed Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. This action is taken pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland Section 10-508, Sub-section (a)(1)(i)(ii). Commissioner Blakeslee moved to close the meeting. Commissioner Muth seconded the motion. Voting for the motion were Commissioner Blakeslee, Commissioner Muth and Commissioner Terpko. Vote 3-for, 0-against; motion carried.

Without further discussion the public meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Schur
Recording Secretary

TOWN OF THURMONT
CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION
FEBRUARY 14, 2006

TIME & PLACE: 8:19 P.M.- Town Meeting Room, Thurmont Town Office

PURPOSE: To discuss personnel issues
VOTE TO CLOSE: 3-0
CITATION: Annotated Code of Maryland Section 10-508, Sub-sections
(a)(1)(i)(ii)
PRESENT: Board of Commissioner President Burns
Commissioner Blakeslee
Commissioner Muth
Commissioner Terpko
Clerk-Treasurer May

At 8:14 p.m. in the Town Meeting Room, Martin Allen Burns, President of the Board of Commissioners, asked for a motion to go into closed executive session to discuss personnel issues. This action was taken pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland Section 10-508; Sub-sections (a)(1)(i)(ii). Commissioner Blakeslee moved to close the meeting. Commissioner Muth seconded the motion. Voting for the motion were Commissioner Blakeslee, Commissioner Muth and Commissioner Terpko.

There was general discussion regarding personnel issues. A decision was made to hire Daniel Fitzgerald as a police recruit.

There was general discussion regarding other personnel issues.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.