

A Town Meeting of the Thurmont Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, May 2, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. The following were present: Mayor Burns; Commissioner Hooper, Terpko and Muth; Clerk Rick May; Jim Rada (Dispatch); John Kinnaird; Chief Greg Eyler; Brian Lynch and Ingrid Mezzo. (Commissioner Blakeslee-absent)

Mayor Burns welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Commissioner Muth led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda is the Consent Agenda:

- Approval of Meeting Minutes for April 11, 2006 and April 18, 2006.

Commissioner Hooper made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Commissioner Muth seconded the motion. Vote 2-for, 0-against, 1-abstention; motion carried.

- Appointment of John Ford to the Planning and Zoning Commission

Mayor Burns stated there has been a vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission for over 5 months; it's been vacant, advertised and placed on the cable channel. Mayor Burns stated Mr. Ford requests to continue to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission. There was a discussion amongst the Board regarding appointments to town commissions. Commissioner Hooper made a motion to appoint Mr. John Ford as a voting member and Mr. Ray Williams as an alternate member to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Muth seconded the motion. There was discussion amongst the Board. Vote 1-for, 2-against; Mayor Burns voted to create a tie. Commissioner Muth made a motion to appoint Mr. Ray Williams to the Planning and Zoning Commission and appoint Mr. John Ford temporary appoint for one month. Commissioner Terpko seconded the motion. There was discussion amongst the Board. Commissioner Muth withdrew his motion. Commissioner Muth made a motion to appoint Mr. John Ford for a temporary appointment for one month for his current position. Commissioner Terpko seconded the motion. Vote 2-for, 1-against; Mayor Burns voted to create a tie. Mayor Burns requested to place the appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission on May 9, 2006 Town Meeting Agenda.

The next item on the agenda is a closed session statement from April 25, 2006 (see attached).

Chief Eyler stated Sergeant Shawn Tyler completed a 10 week course and became a graduate on April 28<sup>th</sup> from Northwestern University Center for public safety school of police staff and command. Chief Eyler commented on a memo from the Frederick County Sheriff's Office regarding events occurring in Frederick County. Chief Eyler stated kids and adults are targeting neighborhoods checking for open or unlocked windows and doors on vehicles. Chief Eyler stated the majority of the incidents have happened in the New Market, Mount Airy and Spring Ridge areas of the county. Arrests have been made and incidents have slowed however Thurmont needs to be aware and on the watch for these incidents. Chief Eyler stated in Myersville there have been recent daytime burglaries. Chief Eyler urged residents to do not allow anyone in your residence, talk to them through the door. Chief Eyler commented on a bogus email from a Don O'Banion. Chief Eyler asked if there are any residents interested in forming a

neighborhood watch program; please contact the Thurmont Police Department. Chief Eyler stated "Meet the Chief Night" will be held on May 15, 2006 at the Thurmont Town Office. Chief Eyler mentioned Chief's Challenge statistics, which is conducted from April 6 through June 6. Total stops=68, 53 drivers, 15 passengers (29 of which were Thurmont residents). Chief Eyler stated the Thurmont Police Departments' calls for service dropped 6% during the month of April.

The next item on the agenda is the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Budget discussions. The Board of Commissioners reviewed budget requests and there was general discussion.

Commissioner Terpko congratulated Thurmont residents who participated in the Frederick Marathon. Commissioner Terpko commented on the Catoctin High School Safe and Sane Golf Tournament. Commissioner Terpko mentioned the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. Commissioner Terpko mentioned the Civil War Heritage Public Hearing will be held on May 10, 2006. Commissioner Terpko mentioned a Master Plan Open House will be held May 15, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Thurmont Senior Citizens Center. Commissioner Terpko stated the regular Planning and Zoning Commission will be held on May 25, 2006. Commissioner Terpko mentioned Rube's Crab Shack opened this past weekend. Commissioner Terpko stated the ribbon cutting ceremony for Rube's Crab Shack will be held on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Terpko mentioned Town Staff picked up 7 ½ dump truck loads of grass clippings which equates to over 15 tons and saved the town \$1020.00. Commissioner Terpko stated BFI will not collect yard waste, construction materials, stone, dirt, mulch, soot/ ashes from chimneys. Commissioner Terpko stated the Recycling Commission will be meeting on May 3, 2006 to finish the trash ordinance and meet with the town attorney and on May 10, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. the Recycling Commission will be meeting with BFI. There was a discussion amongst the Board regarding trash collection and tax rate.

Commissioner Hooper voiced concerns regarding dog problems on Sunny Court. There was a discussion amongst the Board regarding Frederick County's Animal Ordinance. Commissioner Terpko stated he will discuss the ordinance with Lynn Board on May 3, 2006 and report back to the Board. Commissioner Hooper mentioned the public is invited to a free "Americana Music" program to celebrate the formation of the new friends of the Thurmont Regional Library Organization on Thursday, May 25, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Thurmont American Legion. Commissioner Hooper commended town staff for taking care of the clean up of the Mechanicstown Square Park. Commissioner Hooper thanked the Girls Scouts for planting flowers at the Memorial Park. Commissioner Hooper stated the Summer Concert Series schedule will be coming soon. Commissioner Hooper stated the next Park Commission meeting will be held on May 10, 2006. Mayor Burns challenged Commissioner Hooper and Mr. Lynch to prepare/apply for Open Space funding for Eyler Road Park. Commissioner Hooper stated the 50-60's Night Committee is currently working on a flyer for the event. Commissioner Hooper asked Mayor Burns to please draw a ticket for the 10-piece patio set. The raffle was sponsored by the 50-60's Night Committee to raise funds for this year's celebration to be held on July 29, 2006. The winner of the 10-piece patio set is Margaret Kinnaird.

Commissioner Muth mentioned the Media Commission meeting will be held on May 18, 2006. Commissioner Muth stated the Media Commission is reviewing web connect equipment capable of operating remotely. Commissioner Muth thanked everyone who participated & sponsored the CHS Safe and Sane Tournament. Commissioner Muth thanked Commissioner Terpko for donating the 50-50 back to the Safe and Sane. Commissioner Muth thanked Mr. Dingle for being a good sport. Commissioner Muth stated there are tickets left on the Harley Raffle.

Mayor Burns mentioned the Maryland Municipal League scholarship applications are available in the guidance office at the Catoctin High School. Mayor Burns stated he is unable to attend the MML meeting on May 25, 2006 and he requested the Board to please try to attend the meeting to be held at Walkersville Town Hall regarding Open Space. Mayor Burns commented on his weight loss of 5 pounds this week, which brings his total 36 pounds. Mayor Burns stated Commissioner Blakeslee is not present this evening due to his mother being hospitalized.

Mr. John Kinnaird, 106 North Church Street questioned whether the Town could receive a supply of the recycling bins. Commissioner Terpko stated unfortunately the County will not give the Town a supply of recycling bins therefore residents must call the County and bins will be dropped off at the home. The recycling bins are free however lids are \$3.00. Commissioner Terpko stated any residents wishing to receive a recycling bin must call 301-696-2960. Mr. Kinnaird stated he appreciates Mayor Burns efforts in raising funds for the Guardian Hose Company building fund however, he personally feels there are other ways of raising money than being tased by a taser. Mr. Kinnaird voiced concerns regarding the appointment of an active member on town commissions. Mayor Burns commented on the procedure of appointing members to town commission.

Chief Greg Eyler presented to the Board the conceptual design of the proposed police building.

Without further discussion the public meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Schur  
Recording Secretary

TOWN OF THURMONT  
CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION  
APRIL 25, 2006

TIME & PLACE: 9:11 P.M.- Town Meeting Room, Thurmont Town Office  
PURPOSE: To discuss personnel issues and land acquisition  
VOTE TO CLOSE: 4-0

CITATION: Annotated Code of Maryland Section 10-508, Sub-sections  
(a)(1)(i)(ii) and (a)(3).  
PRESENT: Board of Commissioners President Burns  
Commissioner Blakeslee  
Commissioner Hooper  
Commissioner Muth  
Commissioner Terpko  
Clerk-Treasurer May  
James Greever

At 9:02 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) and (a)(3). Commissioner Blakeslee moved to close the meeting. Commissioner Hooper seconded the motion. Voting for the motion were Commissioner Blakeslee, Commissioner Hooper, Commissioner Muth and Commissioner Terpko.

There was general discussion regarding personnel issues. James Greever departed at 9:18 p.m. There was further discussion regarding personnel issues.

There was general discussion regarding the acquisition of real property for a public purpose. A decision was made not to purchase the land that was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.