

A Town Meeting of the Thurmont Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. The following were present: Mayor Burns; Commissioner Blakeslee, Muth and Terpko; Clerk Rick May; Gary Dingle; Jim Greever; Jim Rada (Dispatch); Janice Manzy; Randy Cubbedge; Ingrid Mezzo (Gazette); John Kinnaird; Sterling Bollinger and Robert Lookingbill.

Mayor Burns welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Commissioner Blakeslee led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda is a Public Hearing on the Constant Yield Tax Rate. There was a general discussion amongst the Board regarding the Constant Yield Tax Rate. Commissioner Blakeslee made a motion to adopt the Constant Yield Tax Rate at .265. Commissioner Muth seconded the motion. Vote 3-for, 0-against; motion carried. Mayor Burns read into the record the Constant Yield Tax Rate Resolution R06-04 (see attached). Commissioner Muth made a motion to accept Resolution R06-04. Commissioner Terpko seconded the motion. Vote 3-for, 0-against; motion carried.

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 Muth mentioned the Catoclin High School Safe and Sane will be raffling the Harley off on May 24, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.; anyone interested in purchasing tickets please contact him.

Commissioner Terpko questioned the town's donation towards the Catoclin High School Safe and Sane. Commissioner Terpko stated there were 39 residents who dropped off yard waste at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Commissioner Terpko thanked Mr. West, Mr. Harne, Ted DePaolis and Commissioner Blakeslee for all their hard work. Commissioner Terpko also thanked Ms. Donnelly for her help and assistance. Commissioner Terpko stated he will be meeting with the Condo Association regarding recycling on May 24, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Terpko voiced his concerns regarding a misprinted quote in the newspaper stating he hated and wanted to ban pit bulls in Thurmont. Commissioner Terpko commented on recycling within Thurmont. Commissioner Terpko apologized for offending town residents regarding his comments associated to his interpretation of grass clippings. Commissioner Terpko stated he visited Rube's Crab Shack this past weekend and the crabs were excellent.

Commissioner Blakeslee mentioned Town Staff will be picking up grass clippings through June on Monday mornings with the exception of next week, with the Memorial Day holiday, the grass clippings will be picked up on Thursday, June 1, 2006. Commissioner Blakeslee stated the Police Commission meeting will be held on May 24, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Blakeslee mentioned the Wivell Memorial Walk will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2006 at the Thurmont Community Park. Commissioner Blakeslee voiced his concerns and stated his thoughts and prayers are with the family of

Robert Seiddel. Commissioner Blakeslee stated there is no greater sacrifice than in the service of our country.

Mayor Burns asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of 1st Lt. Robert A. Seidel III. Mayor Burns asked residents to please support our troops. Mayor Burns asked Commissioner Terpko if he will be attending the Open Space meeting on May 25, 2006. Commissioner Terpko stated he will be attending the meeting in place of Mayor Burns. Mayor Burns voiced his concerns regarding the amount of attention Thurmont has received stemming from comments made in reference to a dog ordinance within the Town of Thurmont. Commissioner Terpko stated he lost 4 pounds this week and Mayor Burns stated he lost 5 pounds which brings his total to 47 pounds.

Mr. Sterling Bollinger, 1 Linda Court voiced concerns regarding the dog ordinance and the lack of enforcement of the Lot & Maintenance ordinance. Mayor Burns stated Chief Eyler is addressing the Lot & Maintenance ordinance. Mr. Bollinger voiced his concerns regarding the maintenance of a property on Altamont Avenue. Mr. Bollinger voiced his concerns regarding a business being run out of a home on the corner of Dogwood Avenue and Catoctin Avenue. Mr. Robert Lookingbill, 105 Dogwood Avenue voiced his concerns regarding the same issue. Mr. Lookingbill asked questions regarding the I&I project on Dogwood Avenue. Mr. Gary Dingle, Water Superintendent for the Town of Thurmont explained the procedures of the I&I project on Dogwood Avenue. Mr. Lookingbill also questioned the process of property repairs on Dogwood Avenue. Mr. Dingle stated any repairs regarding grass, seeding and mulching will be conducted by the contractor. Mr. Lookingbill voiced concerns regarding the price of the recycling bins and recycling at the condos. Commissioner Terpko stated the recycling bins are free of charge and can be obtained by contacting the Frederick County Recycling Office.

Mayor Burns 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 Terpko moved to close the meeting. Commissioner Blakeslee 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 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary