

A Town Meeting of the Thurmont Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, June 6, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. The following were present: Mayor Burns; Commissioner Blakeslee, Hooper and Terpko; Clerk Rick May; Chief Eyer; Superintendent Jim Greever; Jim Rada (Dispatch); Ted DePaolis; David Doughty; Diane Doughty; Anna Rollins; Kitty Devilbiss; Pat Weddle; Donna Voellinger; John Kinnaird; Randy Cubbedge; Travis Doughty; Lucas Doughty; Ben Nardi; Ingrid Mezzo (Gazette) and Rebecca Ness.

Mayor Burns welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mayor Burns introduced Mr. Lucas Doughty, winner of the "If I Were Mayor" essay contest.

Mr. Lucas Doughty led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Lucas Doughty read his essay "If I Were Mayor".

The first item on the agenda is a Senior Citizen Presentation by Ms. Kitty Devilbiss. Ms. Devilbiss commented on the purpose of the Department of Aging. Ms. Devilbiss stated the mission of the Department of Aging is to develop and administer programs and activities that support seniors and assist families and caregivers. Ms. Devilbiss stated the Department of Aging provides meals on wheels to 120 people in Frederick County. Ms. Devilbiss stated there are four senior centers; Thurmont, Emmitsburg, Brunswick and Frederick with a fifth site to open in Urbana this fall. Ms. Devilbiss stated all the senior facilities provide recreational facilities, physical fitness, health education, nutritional programs involving a mid day meal and social activities involving trips. Ms. Anna Rollins, coordinator for the Thurmont Senior Citizen Center commented on the activities currently being offered at the center throughout the year. Ms. Devilbiss stated the Commission on Aging; an advisory board appointed the Frederick County Commissioners will be conducting a Town Hall meeting on Monday, June 12, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. at the Emmitsburg Senior Citizens Center. Mayor Burns questioned the Department of Aging position on equity with regards to the Thurmont Senior Citizens Center. Ms. Devilbiss suggested to Mayor Burns to contact Carolyn True with any questions regarding equity.

The next item on the agenda is the Constant Yield Tax Rate Hearing. Mayor Burns asked Lucas Doughty to read Resolution 06-04A into the record (see attached). Commissioner Terpko made a motion to approve Resolution 06-04 A. Commissioner Hooper seconded the motion. Vote 3-for, 0-against; motion carried.

The next item on the agenda is the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget. Mayor Burns read the Resolution B06-01 into the record (see attached). Commissioner Blakeslee made a motion to approve Resolution B06-01. Commissioner Hooper seconded the motion. Vote 3-for 0-against; motion carried.

The next item on the agenda is the Introduction of the Trash/Recycling Ordinance. Commissioner Terpko presented the Trash/Recycling Ordinance to the Board and citizens. Commissioner Terpko commented on the changes made to the Trash/Recycling Ordinance (see attached). There was a general discussion amongst the Board and

attendees regarding the Trash/Recycling Ordinance. The Public Hearing regarding the Trash/Recycling Ordinance will be held on June 13, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

The next item on the agenda is the appointment to the Board of Appeals. Mayor Burns stated Mr. Rich Little submitted a letter of request to serve on the Board of Appeals. Commissioner Hooper made a motion to appoint Mr. Rich Little to the Board of Appeals. Commissioner Terpko seconded the motion. Vote 3-for, 0-against; motion carried.

The next item on the agenda is the discussion of commission/committee appointments. The consensus of the Board is to table the discussion until a later date.

Commissioner Hooper mentioned the first Summer Band Concert is the 5th Annual Community Freedom Concert featuring local and area volunteer talent to be held on Sunday, June 18th in the Memorial Park at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Hooper stated on Tuesday, June 20th the United States Air Force Heritage Aire Celtic Ensemble concert will be held at Catoctin High School beginning at 7:00 p.m. (free ticket required). Commissioner Hooper stated the next Park Commission meeting will be held on June 14, 2006.

Commissioner Terpko mentioned there were over 60 people who dropped yard waste off at the collection site on Saturday. Commissioner Terpko thanked Superintendent Butch West, Donna Voellinger, Ted DePaolis, Tim Eyler and Arleen Donnelly for all their hard work on Saturday. Commissioner Terpko commented on meeting with the Condo Association on Easy Street regarding recycling. Commissioner Terpko stated BFI has been notified and the two small dumpsters have been moved from the Community Park. Commissioner Terpko congratulated all the graduates at Catoctin High School. Commissioner Terpko stated Catoctin High School's graduation will be held on Wednesday, June 7, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Knott Arena at Mt Saint Mary's. Commissioner Terpko mentioned he attended the Catoctin Medical Center meeting. Commissioner Terpko recommended scheduling the school principals to attend a town meeting in August.

Commissioner Blakeslee mentioned the Wivell Memorial Walk will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2006 at the Thurmont Community Park. Commissioner Blakeslee urged residents to sign up for the Thurmont Police Department's PACE program. Commissioner Blakeslee stated regardless of what the newspaper says, the town citizens thoughts and prayers are with the family of Eric Hayes, whom loss his life in Iraq last year. Chief Eyler updated the Board of Commissioners on an attempted abduction of a 5 year old which occurred yesterday. Chief Eyler stated the investigation into the abduction is ongoing. There was a discussion amongst the Board and attendees regarding the attempted abduction. Ms. Diane Doughty, 215 Bennett Court commented on the lack of details of information sent home in a letter from the school board. Chief Eyler stated there will be a mock disaster drill to be held in October. Chief Eyler suggested placing the Mock Drill discussions on the Town Meeting agenda on June 13, 2006. Chief Eyler also commented on Memorandums of Understanding (MOU's) for the parking lot at the Thurmont Plaza Shopping Center regarding loitering. Chief Eyler stated Chief's

Challenge ends today, to date there have been a total of 191 traffic citations and 76 warnings (146 non-residents; 121 residents.) Chief Eyler encouraged residents to please mow their grass; the lot maintenance ordinance will be enforced.

Mayor Burns mentioned to the Board and resident there may be the possibility of a third annexation in the near future. Mayor Burns commented that Mr. Dingle has found a major leak, through the I&I project work. Mayor Burns commented on the construction Mayor Burns stated he will be speaking at the American Legion Auxiliary on June 11th at Camp West Mar. Mayor Burns congratulated all the graduates at Catocin High School. A resident approached the Board and commented on her recycling practices.

Without further discussion the public meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary