

A Town Meeting of the Thurmont Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, August 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. The following were present: Mayor Burns; Commissioner Blakeslee, Hooper and Terpko; Clerk Rick May; Jim Rada (Dispatch); John Kinnaird; Ben Dohm; Daniel Dohm; Don Tyler; John Ford; Brian Lynch; Maxine Troxell; Carol Robertson; Angie Hahn; Shirley DePaolis; Jim Greever and Ingrid Mezzo (Gazette) (Commissioner Muth-absent).

Mayor Burns welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mayor Burns asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Lance Corporal James Willard Higgins.

Mayor Burns led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Burns read a closed executive statement for July 18, 2006 (see attached).

The next item on the agenda is the Adoption of Resolution 2006-05- Business Program. Mayor Burns read Resolution 2006-05 Neighborhood Business Development Program into the record (see attached). Commissioner Blakeslee made a motion to adopt Resolution 2006-05- Neighborhood Business Development Program as read. Commissioner Hooper seconded the motion. Vote 3-for, 0-against; motion carried.

The next item on the agenda is the Introduction of Ordinance 2006-03- Bond Issue. Mayor Burns introduced Ordinance 2006-03- Bond Issue (see attached).

Commissioner Hooper stated the 50's-60's Night was held on July 29, 2006. Commissioner Hooper thanked all the volunteers for their support and hard work in helping to make the day a huge success. Commissioner Hooper thanked Leo's Gameroom and Brown's Jewelers for their generous contributions toward the event. Commissioner Hooper stated a meeting will be held on August 20, 2006 to discuss next years' 50-60's Night and to discuss "Halloween in the Park" to be held on October 28, 2006. Commissioner Hooper also commented on attending the groundbreaking for Frank Bentz Pond. Commissioner Hooper stated there is a request to form an ongoing committee to look into the beautification of the area around Frank Bentz Pond. Commissioner Hooper stated the Park Commission meeting will be held on August 9, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

Commissioner Terpko congratulated Thurmont Little League's 11-12 year olds for advancing to the Maryland State finals again this year. Commissioner Terpko stated he appreciates everyone's patients through the trash changes. Commissioner Terpko stated the Town did save 76.45 tons of trash for the month of July equating to \$4,510.00 saved. Also, by not picking up the apartment complexes makes the total savings to be over \$7,000.00 to the Town of Thurmont. Commissioner Terpko stated Bulk Trash pickup will be held on August 12, 2006. Commissioner Terpko stated anyone placing out more than one item will need to purchase a \$10.00 extra item sticker at the Thurmont Town Office. Commissioner Terpko stated Yard Waste pickup will be held on August 19, 2006 at the

Wastewater Treatment Plant. Commissioner Terpko thanked Thurmont residents for participating in the recycling program. Commissioner Terpko thanked the Recycling Commission members and Arleen Donnelly for all their hard work on recycling. Commissioner Terpko thanked Jim Greever and his electric staff for all their hard work in restoring a power outage over the weekend. Commissioner Terpko also reminded residents Frederick County Schools begin August 28, 2006.

Commissioner Blakeslee stated Thurmont's Farmers' Market is held every Saturday morning from 8 a.m. to noon through September at the Thurmont Carnival Grounds. Commissioner Blakeslee thanked all the volunteers who helped during movie night at the Thurmont Carnival Grounds on August 4, 2006. Commissioner Blakeslee thanked the Guardian Hose Company for selling refreshments and for the use of the Carnival Grounds and Thurmont AMVETS for their monetary donation to help offset the costs of movie night. Commissioner Blakeslee congratulated Commissioner Hooper and his group of helpers for a successful 50-60's Night. Commissioner Blakeslee stated the Economic Development Committee meeting will be held on August 16, 2006 at Cozy, dinner at 6:00 p.m. and meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Blakeslee stated the Economic Development Committee meetings are open to the public. Commissioner Blakeslee commented on a successful "National Night Out" which was held on Tuesday, August 2, 2006. Commissioner Blakeslee commented on receiving letters and phone calls from overseas military service personnel whom have received packages from the Military Support Group. Commissioner Blakeslee expressed his sincere gratitude and sympathy to Lance Corporal James Willard Higgins' family.

Mayor Burns thanked the Thurmont Little League/Frederick Civitan Challenger League for inviting him to join them in their T-ball on the South Lawn trip to the White House. Mr. John Kinnaird, 106 North Church Street, personally thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for all their hard work and participation in the 50-60's Night, National Night Out and movie night. Mayor Burns thanked Thurmont residents for allowing the Board of Commissioners to take a break during the month of July. Mayor Burns stated he had a request to officially state his position on growth. Mayor Burns stated, "I absolutely support a 25 to 50 home, more like the 25 home range a year in growth. I state that for the record so that everybody out there understands where I personally sit on the issue and that's based solely on a budgetary and a very conservative amount of growth based on the number of homes we have. I was asked by a resident, you've talked about it a lot and you write about it a lot but nobody really knows where you stand so I thought I'd throw that out there that 25 to 50, more toward the lower end in my opinion is an acceptable rate of growth for the Town of Thurmont."

Mr. May mentioned a letter received from the Catoctin High School Sports Boosters requesting a donation. The consensus of the Board is to proceed with a cornerstone level donation of \$1,000.00. Mr. May questioned the Colorfest Permit fee structure for 2006. Commissioner Terpko stated the Colorfest Permit fees will remain the same as last year's fee structure. Ms. Carol Robertson, 25 Lombard Street questioned whether bids have been received regarding sani-pots and trash collection. Mr. May stated the bid requests have not yet been sent but will be sent out shortly.

The next item on the agenda is the Charter Review. The Board of Commissioner reviewed the proposed new Charter. There was a discussion amongst the Board and attendees regarding the proposed new Charter. The revisions to the Charter will be compiled in a final draft at a future date. Mayor Burns stated on September 12, 2006 a Special meeting will be held to discussion the proposed new Charter at the Thurmont Senior Citizens Center and a Public Hearing will be held on October 3, 2006 to adopt the new Charter.

Without further discussion the public meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Schur
Recording Secretary

TOWN OF THURMONT
CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION
JULY 18, 2006

TIME & PLACE: 8:05 P.M. – Town Meeting Room, Thurmont Town Office
PURPOSE: To discuss personnel issues
VOTE TO CLOSE: 4-0
CITATION: Annotated Code of Maryland Section 10-508, Sub-section (a)(1)(i)(ii)
PRESENT: Board of Commissioners President Burns
Commissioner Blakeslee
Commissioner Muth
Commissioner Terpko
Clerk-Treasurer May

At 8:00 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 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. A decision was made to hire Lee Hanvey as a Street Department employee. General discussion regarding personnel followed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.