

A Town Meeting of the Thurmont Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 5, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. The following were present: Mayor Burns; Commissioner Blakeslee, Terpko and Muth; Clerk Rick May; Jim Rada (Dispatch); John Kinnaird; Jim Greever; Carol Robertson; John Ford; Brian Lynch; Ingrid Mezo (Gazette) and Ray Williams. (Commissioner Hooper-absent)

Mayor Burns welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mr. Bob Shaffer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda is the recognition of the Challenger League. Mayor Burns stated this evening we are here to honor the Frederick Civitan/Thurmont Little League Challenger program. Mayor Burns stated the league was invited to the South Lawn of the White House to play t-ball. Mayor Burns presented to the Board of Commissioners commemorative baseballs from the leagues trip to the White House. Mayor Burns read a proclamation into the record (see attached). The Board of Commissioners recognized the team members of the Frederick Civitan/Thurmont Little League Challenger League and presented them with Thurmont hats and pins.

The next item on the agenda is a Public Hearing – Sewer and Sewer Disposal Ordinance Resolution 06-07. Mayor Burns read Resolution 06-07 into the record (see attached). Commissioner Terpko made a motion to accept Resolution 06-07 Sewer and Sewer Disposal Ordinance. Commissioner Muth seconded the motion. Vote 3-for, 0-against; motion carried. Mayor Burns thanked John Ford for all his hard work and dedication to the Thurmont community.

Commissioner Muth stated this evening, for the first time the Town Meeting is being recorded to DVD. Commissioner Muth stated the Thurmont Police Department is getting new computers and the Media Commission has requested the old computers. Commissioner Muth stated the Media Commission is looking into purchasing a projector.

Commissioner Terpko requested to have the charges for services moved and placed on the Town Meeting Agenda for September 19th. Commissioner Terpko advised residents over the next few weeks, Town Staff will be wearing new town shirts so they can be easily identified. Commissioner Terpko requested to postpone the Colorfest meeting to September 13, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Terpko expressed his deepest sympathy to the West Family.

Commissioner Blakeslee reminded residents of the Thurmont Farmer's Market held every Saturday morning from 8 a.m. to noon through September at the Thurmont Carnival Grounds. Commissioner Blakeslee stated the Thurmont Economic Development Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2006 at Kountry Kitchen, dinner at 6:00 p.m. and meeting at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Blakeslee commented on meeting with DBED on September 5, 2006. Commissioner Blakeslee reminded resident of the Thurmont/Emmitsburg Community Show to be held this weekend, September 8-

10th. Commissioner Blakeslee stated his thoughts and prayers were with the West Family for their tragic loss.

Mayor Burns stated the Charter Review Meeting will be held on September 12, 2006 at the Thurmont Senior Citizens Center. Mayor Burns reminded residents of the 5th anniversary of 9-11-01. Mayor Burns commented on energizing the building committee. Mayor Burns stated if there are any residents who wish to serve on the building committee to please contact the Town Office. There was a discussion amongst the Board regarding new town buildings. Mayor Burns stated People magazine has approached the Board of Commissioners wishing to do an article for their magazine on the Boards' weight loss challenge. Mayor Burns asked residents to please be patient with the changes to the trash day pickups and the bulk trash pickups.

Mr. Ray Williams, 23 Mantle Court voiced concerns regarding digging underneath sidewalks and curbs along West Main Street. Mr. Williams questioned whether the contractors will be responsible for problems in the future for not having compacted soils underneath the sidewalks. Mayor Burns stated he will discuss Mr. Williams's concerns with Water Superintendent Gary Dingle. Mayor Burns stated ARRO; the town's engineering firm is on site every day. Mayor Burns stated there are contracts, professional personnel and there are staff members on site everyday with over 30 years of experience.

Mayor Burns requested the Board to go into Closed Executive Session to discuss proposal negotiations and to discuss pending litigation. This action is taken pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland Section 10-508, Sub-section (a)(8)(14). Commissioner Blakeslee moved to close the meeting. Commissioner Terpko 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 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary