

**Town of Perryville
Town Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2014**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor: James Eberhardt, Commissioners: Michelle Linkey, Alan Fox, Ray Ryan, Town Administrator: Denise Breder and Police Chief: Vince Wernz.
Absent: Commissioner Brown

The Town of Perryville Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Eberhardt.

Pledge to the Flag

The Town Meeting in its entirety can now be listened to on the Town's web site at www.perryvillemd.org.

APPROVAL OF TOWN MEETING AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Linkey and seconded by Commissioner Fox to approve the April 1, 2014 Town Meeting Agenda. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Ryan and seconded by Commissioner Linkey to approve the February 4, 2014 Town Meeting minutes. **3 in Favor, 1 abstain** (Commissioner Fox): **Motion Carried.**

There was not a quorum of board members that were in attendance for the February 18, 2014 Work Session to approve those minutes.

There was not a quorum of board members that were in attendance for the March 4, 2014 Town Meeting to approve the regular minutes or the closed session minutes.

Mayors Report-

Mayor Eberhardt along with the Police Chief attended the Drug Task Force meeting consisting of other Mayors and Police Chiefs throughout the County. He also attended the first budget workshop with more to follow, which are posted on the website. He attended the meeting with the Local Development Council, who are appointed by the County to review our spending plan for slots revenue, which was approved as submitted for fiscal year 2015, 2016, and 2017. The Mayor, along with Ms. Breder met with the County Executive, and the Director of Enhanced Use Leasing at the VA to discuss the County's and Perryville's concerns over the housing.

Mayor Eberhardt wanted to recognize two volunteers, Robert Lay and Betty Lay who had served on the Election Board for many years. Although they were not present

he wanted to recognize their many years of service with a plaque to be distributed to each of them.

Mayor Eberhardt introduced 1st Sergeant Perez, who is with the MDTA Police at the Hatem Bridge.

Commissioners' Reports -

Commissioner Fox's Report-

Commissioner Fox noted that the Wastewater and Water Plant reports would be posted on the town website for those who want to see them.

Commissioner Linkey's Report-

Commissioner Linkey stated that she attended the standard meetings for the month. She again commended DPW for their snow removal efforts and stated that they have begun to repair the potholes that have occurred over the winter and will continue to do so. The full DPW report will be posted on the town website.

Commissioner Ryan's Report-

Commissioner Ryan reported that he attended the budget meeting this month and Planning and Zoning did not have a meeting this month so he had nothing to report on that.

Ms. Breder reported on behalf of Commissioner Brown, who was not in attendance. The portable restrooms have been put in to place at the parks and the Geese Police have begun their work in the parks, the parks staff assisted with snow removal along with their regular tasks. The floating dock was put in at the boat launch; they repaired a heater and also a broken water pipe at the boat launch and removed some dangerous trees at Ice House Park along with some Spring cleanup.

Town Administrator Report – Denise Breder

Ms. Breder announced that the Town has been putting together an Annual Report for about four or five years now, which is a narrative of prior years events and goals that we look to accomplish in the upcoming year. It is posted on the town's website. MDTA plans to have a public information meeting at the end of April regarding Amtrak's Susquehanna River Bridge reconstruction and expansion project. Her full report will be on the town's website.

Mayor Eberhardt asked Ms. Breder to update us on information just received from the State Highway Administration regarding completion of their sidewalk projects at Route 40 and 222, to which Ms. Breder replied was scheduled for the end of May.

Commissioner Linkey commented on another issue unrelated to that, regarding the Perryville High School Track being unusable. The Mayor had attended a Citizen's Corner Meeting at the County along with others to bring forward their concerns about the track. The County Executive has proposed a Budget Ordinance to amend the annual budget to provide for a \$250,000 front funded grant for the PHS Track replacement project.

Ms. Breder supplied more information regarding the SHA project that she received. She stated that there has been a temporary asphalt ramp at Richmond Street going up to the sidewalk; SHA stated that they would be replacing that with a poured concrete ramp once the weather is more consistent. They are also targeted to pave MD 222 from US 40 to I-95 in mid- May weather permitting.

A person in attendance inquired if the road work being done included the portion of road coming off of the Hatem Bridge on this side to Route 40.

Ms. Breder replied that the area in question would be the MD Transportation Authority's responsibility up to the intersection at Route 40. And the work from the intersection up 222 is the State Highway Administration. Ms. Breder has heard that the MDTA work is being held up due to the uncertainty of what they are going to do with the Toll Plaza, so we do not have a time frame for that work.

Treasurer's Report – Rachel Deaner

Ms. Deaner reported that her full report will be on line. She reported that the budget process is in full swing and that their 1st meeting was Tuesday March 25, and two more are scheduled for April 3rd and April 8. We are in the process of forming a retention policy to present to the board and put into place soon.

Mayor Eberhardt made note of the fact that the Local Development Council's review and approval of the slots revenue plan went very smoothly thanks to the Rachel's preparation and presentation.

Police Report - Chief Wernz

Chief Wernz reported that they currently have an opening for a Police Officer position to fill the position of Officer Choate who resigned and accepted a position in South Carolina. The Perryville Police Department has a slot reserved in the upcoming Academy class with the Transportation Authority; they are currently accepting applications for the open position which will be closing next Monday at 4 p.m. He had reported last month that they had received funding from the Department of Justice and he is currently working with Rachel to purchase some equipment using those funds. They also conducted a distracted driving initiative with other Cecil County Law Enforcement personnel and they plan on having another initiative on April 11, 2014. They will also be

participating in the National Drug Take Back initiative on April 26, 2014 from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. at the Perryville Library.

Outreach Program

PFC. Joseph Immel, a past 5 year member of the Outreach Program, reported on behalf of the Program. The Outreach had a Spring cookout on March 21, and thanked the Mayor for attending. There was a rescheduling of a visit to Perry Point originally scheduled for March 31 due to that date now being an inclement weather make up day for students. The new date is April 18 from 1-3 p.m., let them know if you would like to be a part of this visit. In celebrating Earth Day this April, Outreach is collecting used, uncrushed cans to make an herb garden.

Mayor Eberhardt inquired what PFC. Immel is doing now that he is no longer in the program.

Mr. Immel is 18 years old and graduated from the Marine Corps Combat Engineer School in Lejeune, North Carolina. He is going to a secondary MOS school in Quantico, VA for civil affairs NCO. After MOS school he is going to Okinawa, Japan for 3 years to be the face of the Marine Corps protecting the Ambassador of Japan.

Commissioner Linkey reminded everyone that Riversweep was going to be on April 26 for anyone interested in volunteering.

Ms. Breder stated that the Planning and Zoning report would be posted on the website for those wishing to see it.

From the Floor

Willard McCardell, who resides at 421 Broad Street, asked for a list of pedophiles in town. He also asked that the bank behind Hawkins Court be cleaned up, there is trash there and also trees down on power lines.

Sheila Malatesta, inquired where you can obtain information on the upcoming Election, to which Ms. Breder responded we were delayed putting it on the website but it is on there now on the home screen of the website and the calendar section of the website.

Sergeant Perez stressed that the MDTA has had a long partnership with the Perryville Community and wanted to thank the board for having him here and had some business cards to pass along if there is anything that they can do to help.

New Business –

Event Form Request Challenger Division Baseball Tournament-

A request was made for the Challenger Division of the Little League to hold baseball tournaments at the park and use both pavilions.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fox and seconded by Commissioner Ryan to approve the two park permits for the Challenger Division. Discussion Ensued.

Commissioner Linkey inquired about insurance, Ms. Breder noted that it was going to have to be provided by them prior to the event date and they are aware of that. She also stated that they are requesting a waiver of fees so she would like that to be included in the motion.

It was also brought to Commissioner Fox's attention that there are actually three requests to be approved, the two park pavilions and the event form.

Commissioner Fox amended his Motion which was seconded by Commissioner Ryan to approve the event form and the two permits for the Challenger Division at the park as well as waive the fees. **All in Favor, Motion Carried.**

Ordinance 2014-02 –Introduction

Ms. Breder read the introductory paragraph regarding amending the Town of Perryville Zoning Ordinance to provide for Highway Corridor Unified Development as a special exception use in the Highway Corridor Overlay District of the Highway Commercial C2 District.

Ms. Breder stated that there will be a Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. directly before the May Town Meeting, with the Town Meeting to immediately follow where it is scheduled to be voted on later in the meeting.

Grant Agreement with the Community Fire Company of Perryville

Mayor Eberhardt stated that this Grant Agreement provides the Perryville Community Fire Company with a grant in the amount of \$20,000 from the Local Impact Grant Funds to partially fund the purchase of 12 sets of turnout gear.

Motion was made by Commissioner Linkey and seconded by Commissioner Fox to approve the Grant Agreement with the Perryville Fire Company so that they can purchase turnout gear. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Election Board Appointment

A request was made to appoint Sheron Alexander as an alternate member of the Election Board.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ryan and seconded by Commissioner Linkey to appoint Sheron Alexander as an alternate member of the Election Board. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Resolution 2014-11

Resolution 2014-11 allows the town to be able to enter into negotiations for the renewal of the Atlantic Broadband Cable Franchise Agreement.

Motion was made by Commissioner Linkey and seconded by Commissioner Ryan to approve Resolution 2014-11. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

American Forests Grant Agreement

Ms. Breder commented that the liability issues brought forward at the Work Session are being addressed, they have provided us with a waiver that the volunteers would be signing and have included the Town of Perryville in that waiver and it has been reviewed by our Attorney.

Mr. Sussman noted that the waiver is fine but cautioned that there should be no volunteers under the age of 18.

Motion was made by Commissioner Linkey and seconded by Commissioner Fox to approve the American Forests Agreement. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Linkey and seconded by Commissioner Fox to adjourn the Town Meeting at 7:40 p.m. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Sample,
Town Clerk

**Statement Regarding March 4, 2014 Closed Meeting for Inclusion in Minutes of
April 1, 2014 Town Meeting**

On March 4, 2014, the Mayor and Commissioners of Perryville conducted a closed meeting at 8:35 p.m. in accordance with State Government Article, Sec. 10-508(a)(1)(ii) to discuss any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals. Mayor Eberhardt and Commissioners Brown and Linkey all voted in favor of conducting the closed meeting. Commissioners Ryan and Fox were absent. In addition to the Mayor and Commissioners, the Town Administrator Denise Breder and Town Attorney, Frederick C. Sussman attended the entire closed meeting. The Mayor and Commissioners took action during the closed meeting to approve a luncheon to award those that worked long hours during the many winter weather events. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.