

COUNCIL MEETING
July 9, 2012

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council was held on the above date with Council members Dias, DeBenedictis, Lightcap, and Letterman present with Mayor Horn presiding. Recording Secretary Melissa Knight, Lieutenant Hutson, Town Solicitor Scott Chambers, Drew and Lisa Thomson, Russell and Timothy Johnson, Al Hill, Howard Blackstone, Beverly Wilson and Jenn Dailey were also in attendance.

1. Approve Minutes:

Council Meeting 06/11/12 – motion made by Mr. Letterman seconded by Mr. Lightcap. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report:

Moved by Mr. Dias seconded by Mrs. DeBenedictis to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Communications:

- Smyrna Elite – A non-profit organization affiliated with the AAU Basketball program. Would greatly appreciate your contribution or sponsorship. (See document)
- Meeting Notice from MPO Council – Wednesday, July 11, 2012
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Camden Town Hall (See document)

4. Town Foreman:

- On June 29, 2012 the storm that came through the Smyrna/Clayton area caused some damage and a power outage. Trees down, two (2) big limbs fell on houses, and three (3) trees fell on power lines. Mrs. DeBenedictis heard from a few residents they are very pleased with the Town Crew on the quick response on getting the electric restored during the storm.

5. Inspections/Enforcement:

- 14 New Construction Permits, 59 Improvement Permits, 79 Contractor Licenses, and 25 Business Licenses with two (2) still outstanding – HJH General Contractors and Vitalies (See document)
- Since the grass complaints have slowed down, the Town Foreman is now focusing on the pools in violation, whether it is during construction or after construction.

6. Electric:

- Smooth

7. Street:

- Mr. Hurlock and Mr. Lightcap met with the engineer regarding blacktopping streets in Clayton. The process is in motion.

8. Water/Sewer:

- Well #3 redeveloping. Hope to be done July 10, 2012. A test will be performed on the well.
- Water leak on Highland Avenue – When the road is blacktopped, the service lines will be repaired at that time.
- Water is at high demand – Artesian Water is assisting with the high demand.

9. Equipment:

- No problems. Mrs. DeBenedictis asked Mr. Hurlock to give her a wish list of most important to least important equipment needed for the Town Crew.
- The lawn mower Mr. Hurlock was looking to purchase is not available. So he will look for another lawn mower to purchase.

10. DEMEC:

- Mr. Hurlock reported the meeting was cancelled due to lack of topics.

11. Planning & Zoning:

- S. Rodney Street – Townhome problems with the plans. A sign naming the development is up, Railroad Square. This still has to be approved by Kent County.

12. New Business:

- Overview of 2011 Financials from Papaleo, Rosen & Chelf, P.A. – Mr. Papaleo apologized for missing the Council Meeting in June. The Town's balance sheet is strong. Expenses lower in 2011 from 2010. He will be in attendance for the meeting with the representative for the GASB45 in August.
- Approve Mary Ellen DeBenedictis as Director, Jeff Hurlock as Alternate and Sue Muncey as Secretary of Minutes for DEMEC.

Moved by Mr. Letterman seconded by Mr. Dias to accept Mrs. DeBenedictis as Director, Jeff Hurlock as Alternate and Sue Muncey as Secretary of Minutes for DEMEC. Motion carried unanimously.

- Beverly Wilson – Cat issue on Longwood Lane. Mrs. Wilson stated she is afraid of cats and she has a neighbor's cat on her porch when she arrives home from work. She wanted to know if the Town has a Cat Ordinance? She called a year ago and someone stated we have no cat ordinance. She would like for the Town to implement an ordinance. Council advised Mrs. Wilson a workshop would be held in the future and to have ideas when she attends the workshop on how to control and enforce this ordinance. Mrs. Wilson stated that she would like for them to be registered with the town and be placed on a leash if outside. Council advised the process of implementing an ordinance takes time.

13. Public Hearing:

- Mayor Horn – Thanked the 4th of July Association for another great 4th of July parade and fireworks.
- Mr. Lightcap – Informed the public of the Beer and Wine Festival on the Plaza in Smyrna July 14th from 2 to 8 p.m. Tickets are available at \$35.00 each.
- Mrs. DeBenedictis – Wanted to bring up the parking issues on East Street. It is very hard if cars are parked on both side for another car to travel on the road. She wants to see about restricting parking to one side.

17. Adjournment:

Moved by Mr. Dias and seconded by Mr. Letterman to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Recording Secretary,

Melissa J. Knight