

**DUMFRIES TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2009  
7:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Yohey, Vice-Mayor Washington, Council Lady West, Councilman Toney, (arrived late) Council Lady Barr, Council Lady Cornell, Councilman Brewer (arrived late)

Also Present: Kim Alexander, Town Manager; Cathy Holtzlander, Director of Community Services; Greg Tkac, Director of Public Works; Yolanda Hipski, Director of Community Development; Donna Johnson, Town Clerk; 5 citizens

Mayor Yohey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by the Invocation given by Vice-Mayor Washington.

**Citizen's Comments**

Matthew Ksanznak, 18252 Linton Court – thanked the Town Council for affording him the opportunity to attend the American Legion Boy's State. He told them of his experiences at Boy's State and said he hoped the town continued to support this function in the future.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Yohey thanked Matthew Ksanznak for coming to the meeting to thank the Council and he said he was glad that Matthew had gotten so much out of his trip to Boy's State.

The Mayor reported that he had attended 13 meetings during the past month, and he also said that the Dumfries Business Association was in the final stages of completing the collection of information from participating businesses in Dumfries and the nearby area for insertion in the first DBA business directory. He further stated that in August, individual business ads should be completed and the directory will be printed. This directory will be delivered by volunteers to each residence and business in Dumfries at no cost. The cost to assemble this directory has been paid for entirely by the DBA.

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The Mayor addressed a question about nails in the road on Greentree Lane from the trucks going in and out of the Potomac Landfill. He said the landfill has equipment with magnets that will pick up nails and the Police Department is monitoring the traffic so the road can be taken care of. Public Works also painted yellow barriers so they can be seen when the vehicles enter the area.

**Council Members Time**

Vice-Mayor Washington – no comment

Council Lady West – complimented Matthew Ksanznak. She said he had known him since he was a baby and he was a nice young man that she hoped would go far.

Councilman Toney – said the NAACP was going to be sponsoring a youth fair the 1<sup>st</sup> week of September at one of the local high schools. He said more information would be forthcoming.

Council Lady Cornell – thanked Mrs. Garrison for agreeing to be the Grand Marshall at the Holiday Parade.

Barr – No comment

Brewer – Not present at that time

**Town Manager/Staff Reports**

**Town Manager's Report**

Ms. Alexander reported that National Night Out was currently taking place in Merchant Park and would be open until 9:00 PM.

She also reported that she was working on the issue of Garrison Park.

Ms. Alexander said that staff is working on a process to address the issue of the private access easement between Stagecoach Rd. and Rt. 1. She said that she would be consulting with the attorney to work through some issues with regard to property lines and road maintenance.

Ms. Alexander said an attempt was made to re-broadcast the Council meetings on July 30, 2009 but some technical issues were encountered and the IT Manager is working to get through them. The re-broadcasts will be daily, M-F, at noon as soon as all of the problems are worked out.

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Ms. Alexander also provided a list of all of the meetings she had attended during the month of July.

Mrs. West thanked Ms. Alexander for checking on the status of Old Stage Coach Road.

Ms. Barr reported that she had contacted the police regarding large groups of young people gathering in her subdivision at night. She contacted Prince William County dispatch and they could not find Tebbs Lane. She found it amazing that the County Police could not find a street that had been in the Town of Dumfries for many years. She said she called Chief Johnson and could not get an answer and she also called the Town Manager and got no answer.

Ms. Alexander told Ms. Barr that she would check on the incident regarding being unable to locate Tebbs Lane and would report back to her at the work session.

Mrs. Cornell also wanted to know if Ms. Alexander had made any progress with Mr. Singh regarding Garrison Park. Ms. Alexander reported that she had not, but would report further to the Council at the work session.

### **Police Chief's Report**

Chief Johnson's report was provided to the Council and Ms. Alexander reported that she had excused the Chief in order for him attend National Night Out.

There were no questions.

### **Director of Public Works**

In the report provided by Mr. Tkac to the Town Council, he reported that Portugal Construction is beginning the storm drainage project in Whitehaven on Monday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August. In addition, the curbing along Possum Point Road in the vicinity of Leonard Street is also scheduled to begin next week.

Mr. Tkac said that the permit from VDOT had been received and Portugal Construction will be constructing the sidewalks along Main Street concurrent with the Whitehaven project. He told the Council that he would let them know the actual start date of the sidewalks.

Mr. Tkac also reported that he had received an email from Helen Cuervo, the Assistant District Administrator for VDOT. Supervisor Caddigan is requesting a 4 way stop at Mine Road and Van Buren.

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Ms. Cuervo said this was reviewed back in 2007 and denied due to limited sight distance by the I-95 overpass and a curve. She also stated that due to the low crash history and the sight distance limitations she did not recommend installing a four way stop at this location.

She did say if it was the desire of both the Town and the County to pursue a multi way stop, she would suggest that if the leg of mine Road eastbound from Van Buren was changed to one way going into the Town of Dumfries the other 3 approaches could have a 3 way top. She said this would eliminate the approaching leg with the limited sight distance.

Mayor Yohey said he felt a letter should be drafted to Helen Cuervo with a copy to Pierce Homer and Senator Colgan. He said we need traffic in both directions and the Town could provide a 3 way stop.

Mrs. West said she used Mine Road and Van Buren often. She would urge the 3 way stop but would definitely not want to see it made one way.

Ms. Barr said she did not think the 3 way stop was necessary, although it might help. She definitely does not support the road being one way. She said it would kill the town.

Mr. Washington said it is the most dangerous area in the County. He said the speed is not controlled because of the blind side.

Mrs. Cornell said she would not want to see it one way. She said this was out of the question.

Mr. Brewer said the subject is ridiculous! He said it definitely needs to remain two way. He would however, encourage the 3 way stop.

### **Director of Community Development**

Mrs. Hipski gave her report and told the Council that she had met with members of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. A proposed seminar for citizens who are interested in purchasing rehabilitated homes will be held on August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers.

She also went over meetings and training she had hosted and attended.

Mr. Toney said in the future he would like to see the names on the reports given by staff.

Questions were also asked about Fairfax Street. Ms. Hipski said the Town Manager had sent out a letter regarding the encroachment. She also said that she had received a call from the title company regarding the possibility of removing the section of the building that is

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encroaching on the Town property. She said there was a well on the property and the Health Department would have to be called as well as a decision would have to be made with regard to the retaining wall.

Mr. Tkac said the current property owner has the liability of the wall. Mrs. Cornell said she wants to make sure that the Council is notified before anything is done in relation to the retaining wall.

### **Director of Community Service**

Mrs. Holtzlander thanked the Council for allowing her to have the interns for six weeks. She said she would have feedback from them at the work session.

She also reported that she and Evan, one of the interns were working on the Resource Guide. She also stated that she is working on the Fall Festival as well as the Christmas Parade.

Ms. Barr thanked Mrs. Holtzlander for having the calendar online on the Town's webpage.

### **Adoption of Consent Agenda**

Mr. Brewer made a motion to adopt the consent agenda with a second by Mr. Washington. Ayes: Brewer, Barr, Cornell, Toney, West, Washington, Yohey. Motion carried.

- Minutes – Regular meeting, July 7, 2009
- Minutes – Town Council & Planning Commission, July 20, 2009
- Minutes – Work Session, July 21, 2009
- Minutes – Return to open Session, July 21, 2009
- Receipts & Expenditures, June, 2009
- Approval of voting on issues at the monthly work session

### **Information Items**

#### **a. Annual Report on Town Finances**

Mayor Yohey reported that the Treasurer had to transfer funds from the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) to pay expenses. We needed \$200,000.00. He said in 2009 we had a deficit of over \$800,000.00. We are now in our cash reserves, as the revenues have dried up.

Mayor Yohey also said he would like to bring up a suggestion regarding delinquent Real Estate Taxes and Sanitation fees. He said other jurisdictions have published the delinquencies in the newspapers and he said it was worth thinking about.

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Ms. Barr said the County is now garnishing after 6 months. She said there are options available we just have to ensure they are all legal

Ms. Alexander said she would bring recommendations to the August work session.

**b. Town Hall Basement Issue**

Ms. Alexander explained the mold issue in the basement. She said someone from VML came to look at it and suggested that something be done very quickly. She said we only have a total of \$7,000.00 to work with and she felt it would be cheaper to just tear it out.

It was also discussed that the carpet needed to be taken out of the downstairs at the Community Center. There also appears to be a drainage problem as well.

Ms. Alexander said that Teresa Johnson is looking at offsite storage sites to store records.

**Action Items**

**a. Consider Sponsorship of Walker Brothers Circus**

Ms. Alexander said it would appear that the only site large enough that is town owned is Garrison Park She said this would cause issues with alternative traffic patterns, etc. She said it was the staff's recommendation to look at this event another year.

Mrs. West made a motion not to host the circus this year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cornell. Ayes: Washington, West, Toney, Cornell, Barr, Brewer, Yohey. Motion carried.

Mr. Toney said he felt this warranted looking at another year. He said this could really be a boon to the town.

**Discussion Items**

None

**Closed Session**

Mrs. West made a motion to enter closed session citing §2.2-3707 - § 2.2-371 A (1) Personnel. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cornell. Ayes: Brewer, Barr, Cornell, Toney, West, Washington, Yohey. Motion carried.

The Council entered closed session at 8:31 PM.

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Submitted by:

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Donna A. Johnson, CMC  
Town Clerk

Approved by:

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Fred E. Yohey, Jr.  
Mayor