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TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND
Easton Town Hall
14 S. Harrison Street

April 1, 2013

PRESENT AT CONVENING

Mayor Robert C. Willey
Council President John Ford
Councilmember Megan M. Cook
Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski, Sr.
Councilmember Kelley K. Malone
Councilmember Pete Leshner

Also present was Town Manager Mr. Robert Karge, Town Attorney Mrs. Sharon VanEmburch, and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy Ruf.

OPENING REMARKS BY MR. LESHER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

At 7:00 p.m., President Ford called the meeting to order. Mr. Leshner gave opening remarks and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 2013 MEETINGS.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, minutes of the March 18, 2013 meetings were approved.

CHIEF SPENCER TO DISTRIBUTE EASTON POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT.

Chief Spencer discussed the 2012 Annual Report. He discussed yearly statistics and training for the officers.

ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY.

Mayor Willey stated that Mr. Don Bibb has received a grant for Port Street in the amount of \$190,000.

Mayor Willey discussed the budget. He stated that it is a balanced budget and any additional expenditures will have to find other revenue sources. Mayor Willey stated that the Police Department and Public Works endured the most substantial cuts. He stated that the tax rate remains at \$.52/100 of assessed value.

President Ford reiterated that the department head meetings will be held next Monday and Tuesday in the Council's Chambers. The meetings are opened to the public but they will not hear public comment at this time.

Mayor Willey stated that a candidate for the Talbot County Housing Board will be in the next packet.

PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION TO JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT.

Members of the Board for Junior Achievement were present to receive the Proclamation for Financial Literacy Month in the month of April.

Mr. Geoff Oxnam, Chairman of the Talbot County Advisory Board, Ryan Showalter, Laura Heikes, Talbot Bank, stated that volunteers go into schools to teach students the basics of managing their household budgets. He stated that they provide educational materials for students. Mr. Oxnam thanked Mayor Willey for the town's leadership in bringing Junior Achievement to Talbot County.

ST. PATRICK'S POTATO RACE TROPHY PRESENTATION.

Mayor Willey presented the Potato Race Trophy to Mr. Geoff Oxnam, Easton Utilities for their participation.

ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.

Mr. Karge asked for approval of the Max Lane Reconstruction Project Bid. He stated that David A. Bramble, Inc. was the low bidder in the amount of \$201,172.50.

Upon motion by Ms. Malone seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously, the bid from David A. Bramble, Inc. for Max Lane reconstruction was approved.

APPROVAL OF STREET RESURFACING BID AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF.

70 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, the bid from David A.
71 Bramble in the amount of \$342,711.50 was approved.

72 **PURCHASE OF ZERO TURN DIESEL LAWNMOWER.**

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75 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, the bid in the amount of \$13,100
76 for the Rio Del Mar Model ZD331 for Public Works was approved.

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78 **PARKING WAIVER FOR CHRIST CHURCH SALE.**

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80 Mr. Karge advised that the Christ Church Spring Sale is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, April 18 with numerous
81 volunteer workers. Christ Church has asked that they be allowed a waiver from the 2 hour parking allowance for
82 April 15 thru April 19. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mr. Wendowski and carried unanimously.

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84 Mr. Wendowski asked for a copy of the LED report from the committee and what signs will be grandfathered and
85 the size of the signs. Mr. Wendowski asked to see how it ties in to the current sign ordinance.

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87 **BUDGET MEETINGS WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS.**

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89 President Ford discussed the meetings scheduled with department heads next week. He stated that there will be a
90 formal public hearing scheduled at a later date. President Ford advised that the Department Head meetings are
91 open to the public but are without public comment. President Ford stated that a copy of the budget is in front lobby
92 for public viewing. The meetings are scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

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94 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.**

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96 Mrs. VanEmburch reminded everyone about the town election Tuesday, May 7. She stated that the deadline for
97 requesting absentee ballots is April 30. She stated that the election is for President of Council and Ward II which
98 are unopposed and Ward IV candidates Megan Cook and Andre Gibson.

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00 **ORDINANCE NO. 590, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING ARTICLE VI OF**
01 **CHAPTER 2 OF THE TOWN OF EASTON CODE REGARDING ETHICS PROVISIONS."**

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03 Mrs. VanEmburch discussed the proposed legislation.

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05 Mr. Leshner stated that he would like to propose specific language for clarity of the Conflict of Interest Section.

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07 President Ford brought Ordinance No. 590 to the floor for a first reading.

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09 **ORDINANCE NO. 622, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON REPEALING THE NON-**
10 **SMOKING PROVISIONS FROM SECTION 2-25 OF THE EASTON TOWN CODE AND REENACTING**
11 **THE SAME PROVISIONS IN SECTION 18-17 OF THE TOWN CODE."**

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13 Ms. VanEmburch discussed the proposed legislation.

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15 Mr. Leshner stated that this is redundant and would prefer to dispense with it.

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17 **ORDINANCE NO. 621, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING THE TOWN OF**
18 **EASTON ZONING ORDINANCE."**

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20 President Ford brought Ordinance No. 621 to the floor and set the Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 621 for April
21 15 at 7:15 p.m.

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23 Ms. VanEmburch stated that the ordinance should be amended to include the signs that are to be grandfathered.

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25 **ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.**

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27 Mrs. Cook reminded everyone about the East End Neighborhood Cleanup scheduled for Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

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29 **ADJOURN**

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31 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, President Ford adjourned the regularly
32 scheduled meeting at 7:51 p.m.

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