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3 **TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND**  
4 **Easton Town Hall**  
5 **14 S. Harrison Street**  
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August 4, 2014

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8 **PRESENT AT CONVENING**  
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10 Mayor Robert C. Willey  
11 Council President John Ford  
12 Councilmember Kelley K. Malone  
13 Councilmember Pete Leshar  
14 Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski, Sr.

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16 Also present was the Town Manager Mr. Robert F. Karge, Assistant Town Attorney Mr. Patrick Fitzgerald, and  
17 Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy Ruf.

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19 Mrs. Cook was excused.

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21 **OPENING REMARKS BY MS. MALONE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**  
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23 Ms. Malone gave opening remarks and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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25 President Ford stated that the council had a closed session meeting prior to the regularly scheduled meeting to  
26 obtain legal advice.

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28 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2014 MEETING.**  
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30 Upon motion by Ms. Malone seconded by Mr. Wendowski and carried unanimously, minutes of the July 21, 2014  
31 meeting were approved as written.

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33 **ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY.**  
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35 Mayor Willey stated that a meeting will be held August 11 with county representatives and engineers to discuss  
36 work on Dutchman's Lane.

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38 Mayor Willey stated that the Avalon has not submitted names for the negotiating team to work with town  
39 representatives regarding the theatre.

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41 The Talbot Commerce Park Annexation public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday September 2 at 7:15 p.m.

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43 Mayor Willey stated that reporters have been here from WMDT 47 to interview him on Easton's designation as the  
44 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Town in Maryland.

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46 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER**  
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48 Mr. Karge stated that the information to the council regarding the sidewalks and repairs is deferred pending  
49 additional information.

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51 Mr. Karge stated that the Town did not receive any bids on the fire truck. He stated that the town will take  
52 alternative methods to sell the truck.

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54 Mr. Wendowski discussed boats illegally parked on street Stewart and Aurora.

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56 **POLICE BOARD REPORT.**  
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58 Chief David Spencer and Capt. Mark Waltrup were present. Chief Spencer discussed:

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- 60 • Personnel:  
61 David Sears is retiring after 28 years with the Department.  
62 There are two openings for police officers.  
63 Chief Spencer introduced Ptl. Tobey Haver and MEO Renthia (Bushy) Thomas.
  - 64 • Events.  
65 Fourth of July and Elks Day were both uneventful.
  - 66 • Annual 18 hours In-Service Training.
  - 67 • NCIC (National Crime Information Center) Audit.

- 2014 MD Chiefs of Police and MD Sheriff's Associations Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Challenge.
- Statistics.

**REQUEST BY DIXON SQUARE HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR TRASH AND RECYCLING SERVICES.**

Mr. Al Silverstein, 300 Dixon Street, Unit 105 was present on behalf of the HOA Board of Directors seeking garbage pickup solutions. Mr. Silverstein stated that Dixon Square Homeowners no longer have recycling available to them as well. He stated that they would like to have the option for the town to pick up as the costs have escalated for private service. He stated that Dixon Square is looking for a collective solution that will work for town and residents of Dixon Square. He discussed town trucks backing down a nearby street to pick up garbage.

President Ford suggested the Dixon Board of Directors have dialogue with the public works superintendent to discuss their options.

Mr. Joe Rubenstein stated that he has watched town trucks back down Salmon Avenue. He sked the council to consider residents when approving Planned Unit Developments.

Mr. Billy Simmons, 307 Dixon Street, discussed town trucks backing down street.

Mr. Ron Engle, Unit 101, stated he has been working with traffic concerns for 48 years. He discussed trucks benefitting from being able to back down their development and lessen their time picking up garbage on nearby streets.

Ms. Malone suggested the Town discuss options with the homeowners.

**ORDINANCE NO. 643, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, DEFINITIONS OF THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE WHICH IS CHAPTER 6A OF THE EASTON TOWN CODE."**

Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, Ordinance No. 643 was passed with Mrs. Cook absent.

**RESOLUTION NO. 6036, AUTHORIZING ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES ON PROPERTIES OWNED BY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.**

Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, Resolution No. 6036 was passed with Mrs. Cook absent.

**ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

Mr. Wendowski reminded everyone that National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 5 at 5:00 p.m. at Moton Park.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE.**

Mr. Richard Tettlebaum, Chairman Planning and Zoning Commission stated that the special meeting scheduled for Brant Court has been postponed at the request of applicant. The project will be discussed at the regularly scheduled meeting August 21, 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN.**

Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, President Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:36 p.m.

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Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk