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3 **TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND**
4 **Easton Town Hall**
5 **14 S. Harrison Street**
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August 18, 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 Leshner
14 Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski, Sr.
15 Councilmember Megan M. Cook

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

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20 **CALL TO ORDER.**

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22 President Ford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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24 **OPENING REMARKS BY MR. LESHER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

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26 Mr. Leshner gave opening remarks and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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28 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2014 MEETINGS.**

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30 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, minutes of the August 4, 2014
31 meetings were approved as written.

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33 **FIRE BOARD REPORT.**

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35 Easton Volunteer Fire Department President Tim Knotts discussed upcoming Easton Fire Department fundraisers.
36 He stated that the new ladder truck was put in service then taken out of service for a possible defect as advised by
37 the manufacturer, Sutphin. Mr. Knotts stated that the truck is back in service on a limited basis.

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39 President Ford stated that the Town should explore ways to ease incrementally the fundraising aspect of the EVFD.

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41 President Knotts stated that the EVFD is looking for sponsors for upcoming golf tournament.

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43 President Knotts thanked the council for their continued support.

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45 **PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED EAGLE PROJECT BY COULBY MILLER.**

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47 Coulby Miller, Life Scout Troop 190 was present with Easton Utilities Vice President Operations Geoff Oxnam.
48 Coulby stated that he is proposing to build a video tower for North Easton Park at the 50' line of the football field.
49 He stated that he would like to have the project completed by fall. Consensus from the council was that it was a
50 terrific project.

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52 Mayor Willey stated that troop has done really nice projects for the Town of Easton.

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54 On behalf of EUC, Mr. Oxnam stated that he is excited to help Coulby with the Eagle project.

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56 Upon motion by Ms. Malone, seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, the Council approved the Eagle
57 Project as presented.

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59 Mr. Wendowski asked about waiving permit fees. Mayor Willey stated that it has been done.

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61 **ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY.**

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63 Mayor Willey stated that the dog park discussion is moving along. He stated that citizens and Parks and Recreation
64 Director Mrs. Gould have been working on the details. He stated that discussions will be ongoing for the next few
65 months.

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67 Mayor Willey discussed a monitoring well that has been placed on the McCord's site to check for any migration.
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69 Mayor Willey stated that there is a potential business owner interested in express parking. He stated that the details
70 need to be discussed and worked out.

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72 Mayor Willey stated that Talbot County in conjunction with the Town of Easton is planning a memorial program
73 on September 11 at the Memorial Walk located at West and Dover Street. He stated that there will be a
74 presentation of flags, music and invocation.

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76 **APPOINTMENT OF MR. MICHAEL BROPHY TO PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD.**

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78 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, Mr. Michael Brophy's appointment
79 to the Parks and Recreation Board was confirmed.

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81 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.**

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83 Town Manager Mr. Karge stated that recent discussions occurred regarding Easton High School's request to
84 change parking signs along Mecklenburg Avenue. Their intention is to move students onto the school campus.

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86 Mr. Karge discussed the three bids received for the demolition of 120 Goldsborough Street. He stated that the
87 Historic District Commission approved the demolition. Mr. Karge explained that the Town will front the money
88 then attach a lien against the property.

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90 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, Duvall Brothers, Inc.'s bid in
91 the amount of \$44,300 was approved.

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93 Mr. Karge discussed North Easton Park and the opportunity to modify some of the roadways on that site. He stated
94 that moving fences and using existing millings can possibly gain 22 spaces in the park. Mr. Karge stated that the
95 Park Board will hear the proposal at their next meeting.

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97 Mr. Karge discussed the Public Assembly Permits approved by Chief of Police Spencer.

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99 Mr. Karge stated that Mr. Dickerson, Public Works Superintendent has recently returned from vacation and a
00 meeting has been scheduled with the Dixon Square residents to discuss trash pickup.

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02 Mr. Karge stated that the sidewalk recommendation is nearly complete and will be forwarded to the Council.

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04 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.**

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06 The Town Attorney Mrs. VanEmburch stated that the Talbot Commerce Park Annexation public hearing would be
07 held at the next meeting. She discussed concerns with the Critical Area Commission. Mrs. VanEmburch stated that
08 there may need to be another public hearing.

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10 The Town Attorney stated that they are pulling together liability issues regarding sidewalk repairs.

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12 **APPROVAL OF INVOICES TOTALING \$655,312.17.**

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14 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, invoices totaling \$655,312.17
15 were approved.

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

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19 Ms. Malone attended the Delmarva Boy Scout Dinner recognizing the late Mr. Mike Menzies. Ms. Malone thanked the
20 town for allowing her to attend. She stated it was a great tribute to Mr. Menzies.

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22 Mrs. Cook reminded everyone that school opens next week. She asked that everyone be careful of children and buses.

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24 President Ford Planning stated that the Planning & Zoning Commission is meeting at 6:00 p.m. instead of their
25 regularly scheduled time. He stated that the main issue on their agenda is Brant Court due to changes in the original
26 application.

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28 Mrs. Vanemburch stated that the applicant may ask that the Planning & Zoning Commission reschedule the matter due
29 to only three commissioners' availability.

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31 **ADJOURN.**

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33 At 7:29 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, President Ford
34 adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.

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