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

May 18, 2015

**PRESENT AT CONVENING**

8 Mayor Robert C. Willey  
9 Council President John Ford  
10 Councilmember Kelley M. Malone  
11 Councilmember Pete Leshner  
12 Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski, Sr.  
13 Councilmember Megan M. Cook

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

**CALL TO ORDER.**

At 7:00 p.m., President Ford called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2015 MEETINGS.**

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, minutes of the April 20, 2015 meetings were approved.

**OPENING REMARKS BY MR. WENDOWSKI AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2015 MEETING.**

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, minutes of the May 4, 2015 meetings were approved.

**FIRE BOARD MEETING.**

Mr. (Morris) Sonny Jones, Trustee was present representing the Easton Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Jones asked for permission to take the Town owned apparatus to the Firemen's Convention in Ocean City in June.

Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously, permission was granted.

Mr. Jones asked if the new ladder truck could be on display Sunday to Wednesday at the Firemen's Convention.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, permission was granted.

Mr. Jones reminded everyone to be mindful of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Mr. Jones congratulated the newly elected members of the Town Council. He stated that it has been a sincere and honor to work with the outgoing members of the council.

**MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE PRESIDENT (CHESAPEAKE BEACH MAYOR) BRUCE WAHL AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SCOTT HANCOCK TO MAKE PRESENTATION TO TOWN COUNCIL.**

Mr. Bruce Wahl and First Lady of MML were present. He stated that Easton has been a longstanding participant in the Maryland Municipal League. President Wahl stated he is here to recognize Mayor Robert Willey for his active participation as he has served the League with distinction. President Wahl and Executive Director Scott Hancock presented Mayor Willey a Citation commemorating his participation.

**MS. CATHY CASSELL, PROGRAM DIRECTOR TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON CHANNEL MARKER'S SERVICE TO EASTON.**

Ms. Cassell was present to discuss Channel Marker's psychiatric rehabilitation role in the community. She stated that they serve a vulnerable population. Ms. Cassell discussed future endeavor goals and stated that they have funding challenges. She asked those present to visit their website at [www.channelmarker.org](http://www.channelmarker.org) for additional information.

70 **ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY.**

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72 Mayor Willey discussed a work session scheduled for June 1 to talk about a proposed medicinal marijuana  
73 manufacturing facility.

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75 He stated that Easton Business Association will also be working on an ad campaign with Talbot County regarding  
76 parking.

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78 Mayor Willey stated that the house the Town of Easton is building, will need to be declared surplus to sell in the  
79 near future.

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81 Mayor Willey discussed lighting that may occur in North Easton Park and meetings with UMMS regarding the  
82 hospital.

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84 Mayor Willey stated that the Town has received tentative approval for a grant for infrastructure at Talbot  
85 Commerce Park.

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87 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.**

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89 **APPROVAL OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY EVENT.**

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91 Town Manager Robert Karge discussed the approved Relay for Life Kickoff Party scheduled for May 16.

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93 Mr. Karge thanked the outgoing council members and congratulated Mayor Willey and the newly elected Council  
94 members.

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96 Mr. Karge discussed the Art Academy's request to use parking spaces for scaffolding during painting. It was the  
97 consensus of the Council to defer the approval until some construction is completed in that area.

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99 **ITEMS FROM OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS.**

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01 President Ford discussed how much quality of service Ms. Malone and Mr. Wendowski have contributed to the  
02 council.

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04 Ms. Malone discussed her support from the community. She thanked her Ward 1 residents and the County Council  
05 that was seated in 2008 for their help.

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07 Mr. Wendowski thanked the voters of Ward 3 that have given him the privilege of serving for 12 years. He stated  
08 that Mayor Willey runs the town like a business. Mr. Wendowski stated that it has been a great group of people to  
09 work with. He stated that he has voted what he felt was in the best interest for the voters of the Town of Easton.

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11 Mayor Willey presented Ms. Malone and Mr. Wendowski gifts for their service on the Council.

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13 **RECESS.**

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15 At 7:46 p.m., President Ford recessed the regularly scheduled meeting.

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17 **RECONVENE.**

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19 At 7:52 p.m., President Ford reconvened the regularly scheduled meeting.

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21 **SWEAR IN NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS.**

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23 President Ford stated that the Oath of Office was administered to Robert Willey for Mayor earlier today by Ms.  
24 Mary Ann Shortall, Clerk of the Court.

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26 Mr. Alan Silverstein took the Oath of Office as Councilmember for Ward 1.

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28 Mr. Ron Engle took the Oath of Office as Councilmember for Ward 3.

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30 **PUBLIC HEARING ON:**

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32 At 7:54 p.m., President Ford opened the Public Hearing on the following Ordinances which were introduced at the  
33 May 4, 2015 Council meeting:

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35 **ORDINANCE NO. 652, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING CHAPTER 6**  
36 **BUILDING CODES TO INCORPORATE THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE 2015."**  
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38 **ORDINANCE NO. 653, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING CHAPTER 6**  
39 **BUILDING CODES TO INCORPORATE THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE 2015.”**

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41 **ORDINANCE NO. 654, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING CHAPTER 6**  
42 **BUILDING CODE TO INCORPORATE THE NFPA 70 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE 2014.”**

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44 **ORDINANCE NO. 655, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING CHAPTER 6**  
45 **BUILDING CODES TO INCORPORATE THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE**  
46 **2015.”**

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48 **ORDINANCE NO. 656, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING CHAPTER 6**  
49 **BUILDING CODES TO INCORPORATE THE INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE 2015 AND NFPA**  
50 **58 LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS CODE 2014.”**

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52 **ORDINANCE NO. 657, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING CHAPTER 6**  
53 **BUILDING CODES TO INCORPORATE THE INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE 2015.”**

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55 **ORDINANCE NO. 658, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING CHAPTER 6**  
56 **BUILDING CODES TO INCORPORATE THE INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE 2015.”**

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58 Mr. Don Richardson, Building Code Official discussed the necessity to pass the ordinances and to comply with the  
59 statues of the State of Maryland. He stated that all the ordinances have been hosted on the Town’s website as well  
60 as the list of the pertinent key changes. He stated that these changes are less severe than the previous significant  
61 changes.

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63 Mr. Leshar reiterated that these changes are not elective but state mandated.

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65 At 7:58 p.m., there being no public comment, President Ford closed the Public Hearing but left the record open  
66 until close of business Friday for written comments.

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68 **ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

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70 Mr. Leshar stated that he is looking forward to working with the newly elected council.

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72 **ADJOURN.**

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74 At 7:59 p.m., President Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled Council meeting.

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Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk