

**Irvington Town Council
Regular and Public Meeting
April 8, 2010**

The regular and public meeting of the Irvington Town Council was held at the Irvington Town Office on April 8, 2010, at 7:30 P.M.

Present:

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| Mayor | Ralph D. Ransone |
| Vice-Mayor | Kathleen F. Pollard |
| Council | Gene Edmonds Edward J. Sulick Robert Westbrook |
| Legal Counsel | Matson C. Terry, II |
| Zoning Administrator | Robert A. Hardesty |

Absent:

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| Council | William H. Evans, III |
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The Mayor called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence.

Minutes and Treasurer's Report:

Kathleen Pollard made a motion that the minutes be approved and Gene Edmonds seconded the motion. Mrs. Pollard requested that acronyms be written out rather than just using the initials. Vote-Edmonds, Pollard, Sulick, and Westbrook. Nay: 0.

Mr. Ed Sulick made a motion that the treasurer's report be approved. Robert Westbrook seconded the motion. Vote – Yea: Edmonds, Pollard, Sulick, and Westbrook. Nay: 0.

Zoning Administrator:

Irvington Marina: Mr. Hardesty reported that Steve Daum, Lancaster County Building Inspector, was pleased with the progress of the cleanup at Irvington Marina. The building at the 12:00 o'clock position is nearly empty. No one can go into the building. The plan is to demolish that building after the asbestos inspection. Mr. Terry reported that there is a dispute in the courts about what property at the marina belongs to Skip Wiley. Judge Spruill dismissed the case to reverse the conservatorship of Mr. Wiley.

Legal Counsel:

Mr. Terry reported that the Thomas property heir in Charlottesville, has acquired an attorney and is interested in having her share purchased.

Mr. Hardesty has had a surveyor place stakes on the property line between the Nelms and the town office. The tree that is growing beside and under the town office is on town property and is causing problems for the foundation and needs to be removed. Mr. Terry will write an agreement for the Nelms to sign, acknowledging the risk involved, and allowing the town to have the tree removed. Although the tree

is on town property, it has to be accessed through their property. Mr. Hardesty will obtain three bids on the cost to have the tree removed.

Planning Commission Report: No report, no meeting.

Legislative Report:

Three actions in the recent legislative session can affect the town funds. These are: 1.) the amendment to require that town hold special elections to fill a vacancy on the council or the mayor's seat depending on the timing of the occurrence of the vacancy with the general election rather than to fill the vacancy with an appointment 2.) the use of the communication taxes by the state to fund other state needs rather than the established uses stated when the trust fund for the communication tax was established, and 3.) the discontinuance of the triennial school age census to be replaced by Weldon Cooper Center's estimating the school age census for calculating the distribution of sales tax revenue.

Committee Report:

Trees and Grounds: Tree – Reported above.

Volunteer: The shed will arrive on Friday, April 9, 2010. The old shed will be destroyed after it is emptied.

Brochure: The town ad will appear in the Northern Neck brochure. Mrs. Pollard is in the process of receiving responses from businesses for the Irvington brochure.

Old Business:

Garbage: Gene Edmonds made a motion to continue with Doggett for garbage pickup. Kathleen Pollard seconded the motion. Vote- Yea: Edmonds, Pollard, Sulick, and Westbrook. Nay: 0. Doggett has said that he can pick up from the Commons on Monday. He will continue pickup on Wednesday at the town office.

New Business:

"Lights on the Creek" Boat Parade: Mrs. Fran Westbrook, Chairman of the Boat Parade, has asked that the town raise their contribution from \$750.00 to \$1000.00. She said that any left over money will go back to the community.

Steamboat Era Museum: Mrs. Terri Thaxton and Mr. Randy Graham, treasurer of the Steamboat Era Museum, spoke briefly about the new financial procedure at the museum. He said that the financial report will be sent a month behind to the council members.

Triangle Trolley: Susan Cockrell, from the town of Kilmarnock, and Pat Saunders, from Bay Aging, were present to thank the council for the financial assistance, in the amount of \$500.00, that it provided last year for the triangle trolley and to ask the council to contribute the same amount this year. The cost to operate the trolley for a year is \$8200.00 plus \$1000.00 for miscellaneous expenses. The trolley will run from the May 1st weekend to the first weekend in October. Kilmarnock covers the cost of insurance. They did not break even last year, but they will try to get more ads this year. Mrs. Cockrell said that raising rates hurts ridership. The trolley will be in the July Fourth Parade. She said that the museum stop will be a full stop this year.

Miss America: The Kilmarnock Museum has contracted to have the current Miss America visit this area on September 18th to perform in its fundraising event on that date. They would like a contribution from the towns to help defray the cost of \$3500.00 that they will pay to have her come. They would like to have a mini parade through the Irvington and White Stone with brief stops in each town and have the date,

September 18th declared Miss America Day. The council would like more information and will request a representative to make a presentation at a future council meeting.

Chesapeake Academy's Using the Tennis Courts: Gene Edmonds made a motion to allow Chesapeake Academy to use the tennis courts for lessons after school on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons this spring. Ed Sulick seconded the motion. Vote – Yea: Edmonds, Pollard, Sulick, and Westbrook. Nay: 0. Mr. Terry will call Hubbard Insurance Company to see if Chesapeake Academy's insurance covers their students playing on the tennis courts at the Commons.

BPOL Tax: Dr. Westbrooks wants the council to have a workshop after the new budget is adopted to discuss sources of revenue for the town.

VML Conference for Newly Elected Officials: Dr. Westbrook announced that the VML conference will be in Charlottesville, in July.

Digital Video Equipment: Kathleen Pollard made a motion for Mr. Hardesty and Mr. Edmonds to investigate purchasing digital video equipment for Mr. Hardesty to take pictures. An expenditure of \$200.00 was approved. Mr. Sulick seconded the motion. Vote – Yea: Edmonds, Pollard, Sulick, and Westbrook. Nay: 0.

Plumbing/Drop Box at Triangle: Mr. Edmonds said that about 30 feet of PVC is needed to replace the garden hose being used now to convey the water from the drop box to the sprinkler at the Commons. He will obtain prices for this.

Extended Contract for technical support for the new Dell Computer. It was decided that this was not necessary.

Budget Consideration for Contributions: Request for contributions for Lancaster Library, Miss America, SEM, and "Lights on the Creek" will be considered with the budget. There will be a budget workshop on April 26, at 7:00 P.M.

VML Luncheon: Council Members going to the VML luncheon on April 16th, in Tappahannock, should meet at Dr. Westbrook's office at 9:00 A.M.

AQUA: Aqua is not notifying key persons in town when the water is going to be turned off to fix a leak. Dr. Westbrook would like to ask Luther Ghorley to come to a town council meeting to discuss this matter.

Adjournment:

Kathleen Pollard made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ed Sulick seconded the motion. Vote – Yea: Edmonds, Pollard, Sulick, and Westbrook. Nay: 0.

Ralph D. Ransone, Mayor