

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 15, 2009
6:30 P.M.

TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kris LaMontagne
Fletcher Fosque
Maphis Oswald

George Miles
Kathyanne Runninger
Travis Bradley

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bruce Paone, Mayor
Sandy Manter, Interim Town Mgr.

Karen Simpson, Admin. Asst.
Vera Bruton

- I. Mayor Paone called the meeting to order.
- II. Sandy Manter announced that the tipping rebate from the County, which was previously reported would be deleted, will remain in the County budget.

Councilman LaMontagne informed the gathering that the Tangier ferry will run this year starting May 1st, and that an information article was in today's newspaper. Mark Crockett will captain the ferry. The Town has agreed to forego its \$1,000.00 slip fee. The Historical Society will still charge \$2,000.00 for their portion of the slip fee. Funds donated to the ferry project will pass through either 501C3 entity, the Historical Society or Neil Kaye's non-profit group. The previous (now defunct) lease(s) will have to be rewritten for the ferry operation and slip rental. John Williams of the Hopkins Committee will work on this with the committee. Provisional leases can be devised for "overnight" rental when the ferry is not running, which monies will be split between the Town and Historical Society.

The Town discussed foregoing charging a "head tax" and slip rent for this year only. Donations will be raised to cover any slip rent charged, which monies will go to the Tangier History Museum for interfund transfer between 501C3's. The next Ferry Committee

meeting is at Mallards on April 17th at 2:00 p.m. to discuss game plan to get funding and rewrite the lease(s).

The long-term goal is to bring the ferry in full-time (year round) and go after the U.S. Postal contract. Need to meet with Star Transit regarding their involvement and to apply for a grant through VDOT from the ferry discretionary fund. Neil Kaye has resubmitted a grant application after making additions. The committee is still working with Senator Webb's office. We need to try and get Tangier residents to change their habits from Crisfield to Onancock. Neil Kaye will match up to \$5,000 of donations. A group of anonymous (private enterprise) investors (including Kaye) will get any overage of the ferry profits (over \$400/day) after the Captain is paid. Pressure will need to be put on the politicians to allow us to bid on the postal contract, rather than it going to current provider (right of first refusal). The ferry committee wants to work with the grocery stores, and others, in Onley and help arrange a delivery service to Tangier for a fee.

Councilman LaMontagne made a motion to suspend the ferry head tax for one year in an effort to stimulate usage of the ferry, Councilman Miles seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Councilman LaMontagne commented that we are closer to getting the \$200,000 for broadband.

Councilman LaMontagne moved that this meeting go into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, for the discussion and consideration of personnel matters regarding the Town Manager's position, Councilman Miles seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0

Councilman LaMontagne moved that Town Council come out of closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, that was for the discussion and consideration of personnel matters regarding the Town Manager position, Councilwoman Runinger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Certification of Closed Meeting is appended to these minutes.

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0

Councilman LaMontagne made a motion that the Personnel Committee in conjunction with Town Council recommends that Sandy Manter be offered the position of Town Manager at a salary of \$70,000.00 per year with benefits to include two (2) weeks paid vacation for the first year between April 15, 2009 and December 31, 2009, and then vacation pay to follow the

regular schedule as dictated in the Personnel Manual, Councilman Miles seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

AYE VOTES: Councilwomen Runniger and Oswald and Councilmen Bradley,
LaMontagne, Fosque and Miles.

NAY VOTES: NONE

A press release will be issued regarding the new Town Manager.

Councilman LaMontagne will have the office staff create and mail letters to the four (4) other candidates for the position.

Councilman Miles made the motion to adjourn, Councilman LaMontagne seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Sandy Manter
Town Manager

Bruce Paone
Mayor