

**UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING  
JANUARY 22, 2013**

Mayor Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Council members James R. Gatto, Linda Kuiper, Mabel Mumford-Pautz and Mauritz Stetson, Robert Sipes, Utilities Manager, Jennifer Mulligan, Stenographer, and guests.

Mayor Bailey asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Utilities Commission meeting minutes of December 17, 2012. **Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved to approve the minutes as submitted, was seconded by Ms. Kuiper and carried unanimously.**

Mayor Bailey stated that cash on hand and in banks was \$782,571.12.

**Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved to pay the bills as submitted, was seconded by Mr. Stetson and carried unanimously.**

Mr. Sipes stated he was concerned about pipes freezing since the cold came on so quickly. He said that if anyone sees even a small leak to please call it in to 410-708-4603.

Mr. Sipes stated that he was ready to proceed with the rehab of Well #9. He said that it went to bid and three (3) bids were received, all much higher than expected. He said that the lowest bid came in at \$37,000.00, which covered all but the motor and well pump, which were not expected to be replaced at this time.

Mr. Gatto asked if the company would certify that the contamination would be cleaned and how long it would last. Mr. Sipes stated that the company could not certify how long it would last, but they did guarantee the work that they would perform and that the water would be bacteria free when they finished the job. He said that there was really no way to guarantee how long it would last, noting that the Town should expect this to happen every 5-years or so.

Mr. Gatto stated that approximately \$10,000.00 funds should be set aside for this problem each year to account for work that would be performed in the future.

**Mr. Stetson moved to approve the \$37,000.00 expenditure for Well #9, was seconded by Mrs. Mumford-Pautz and carried unanimously.**

Mr. Sipes stated that a used pick-up truck would be going out to the public for bid to purchase. A new pick-up truck, with better gas mileage, was purchased.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that the State of Maryland has asked the Towns throughout the State to collect the Bay Fee and send it to them. He said that now the State has decided that certain households may be exempted from the Bay Fee if they can show a financial hardship. He said that the Town was compelled to come up with a plan for this financial

exemption and submit it to the State for their approval. Mr. Ingersoll gave the Council a draft exemption form and plan for the State that would be discussed at the February Utilities Commission meeting.

There being no further business, **Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m., was seconded by Mr. Gatto and carried unanimously.**

Submitted by:   
Jennifer Mulligan  
Stenographer

Approved by:  
Margo G. Bailey  
Mayor