

**Town of Felton  
Town Council Meeting  
June 14, 2010  
7:00pm**

Vice-Mayor Clendaniel called the Town Council of Felton Meeting to order at 7:00pm on Monday, June 14, 2010. Present at the meeting were:

**Council Members:** Joe Yapsuga Jr., Kevin Fletcher, Joanne Clendaniel and Anthony Carroll.

**Staff:** Town Manager, Rebecca Greene; Chief of Police, Levi Brown; Town Clerk, Sarah Ferguson.

**Public:** Residents - Janette Carroll, Bea Harrington, Colleen Whitt and Mark Terulski

**Citizen Concerns:**

Mr. Terulski said that he recently moved to Felton and he loves it here. He wouldn't want to be anywhere else. He said that he really enjoyed the Memorial Day service. He wishes that every town had a ceremony.

Councilman Yapsuga asked that people help with Felton Family Fun Day which will be Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 8 PM. Mrs. Harrington said that Councilman Yapsuga did a good job representing the town at the Memorial Day Service and Councilman Yapsuga thanked her.

Mr. Corti asked about tax rates going up and Rebecca said that it had already been voted on at the last Council Meeting and it will go up \$.10 this year and the next two years; so it will be \$.71 per hundred this year \$.81 in 2011 and \$.91 in 2012.

Councilman Carroll stated that we needed a stop sign coming out of the new daycare center and Rebecca stated that she would call the daycare to get one placed.

**Police Report:**

Chief Brown reviewed the June 2010 Police Report (see attached). He stated that the tickets for June 2009 and 2010 were:

<b>Officer</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>SEU 2010</b>
<b>9451</b>	323	232	98
<b>9452</b>	209	305	92
<b>9453</b>	177	60	0
<b>9454</b>	84	147	24
<b>9455</b>	Deployed	154	67

Councilman Fletcher asked Chief Brown about the voluntary assessment check and Chief responded that it had not been received yet and he would check on when it will arrive.

Chief Brown stated that the sick pay is still a little high because Officer Schlimer was still out from his surgery but he is expected back next week.

Chief Brown stated that criminal arrests were up due to a few arrests that took a lot of time.

Chief Brown stated that training hours were down because they did not shoot this month. He stated that he spoke to Camden Police Chief Bryson about training with him since he is nationally certified and a great trainer. Chief continued stating that shooting with Chief Bryson at Dover Air Force Base instead of at Shooter's Choice would save the town a lot of money.

**Motion:** Councilman Yapsuga made a motion to accept the Police Report. Councilman Carroll seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Budget Report:**

Councilman Yapsuga asked why the police department was down \$33,900 and Rebecca responded that ticket revenues were budgeted for \$275,000 but have only brought in \$170,747. Chief Brown said that tickets are down because people are not traveling due to the economy.

Councilman Fletcher asked if the police department was still staffing the peak travel hours and Chief Brown stated that yes they are and that they have two officers all day on Saturdays.

Rebecca stated that she will be pulling \$14,755 from the Municipal Street Aid account for police salaries. Rebecca stated that she would rather not do this but there isn't any other alternative at this time. Councilman Yapsuga asked if the town would be able to make that up and Rebecca said not in the one month left in the fiscal year.

Councilman Yapsuga asked Chief Brown how he felt about the income in the police department and Chief stated that he does not think that the economy is going to turnaround in the next year or two so he does not anticipate an increase in travel and travel related tickets.

**Motion:** Councilman Yapsuga made a motion to accept the Budget Report. Councilman Carroll seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Minutes:**

Vice-Mayor Clendaniel presented the May 10, 2010 Town Council Meeting Minutes and asked if there were any corrections. Councilman Yapsuga stated that he had reviewed the minutes and did not have any comments or corrections.

**Motion:** Councilwoman Clendaniel made a motion to accept the May 10, 2010 Town Council Meeting Minutes. Councilman Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Chesapeake Utility Franchise Agreement**

Rebecca stated that Chesapeake Utilities (natural gas company) had called her to set up a franchise agreement in town and that the gentleman had said that even if the town has an agreement it does not mean that they will bring the utility into town. They have to have a significant interest from residents that would make it monetarily feasible for them to make the investment to bring the lines into the town.

**Motion:** Councilman Yapsuga made a motion to have the attorney review the Chesapeake Utilities franchise agreement. Councilman Carroll seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Request for Abatement**

Rebecca presented a letter from Mr. Caruso asking for abatement of the late fee which equals \$200. Councilman Carroll asked why the late fee was so high and Rebecca stated that it was the apartment building and that each apartment was given a \$25 late fee. Councilman Fletcher asked if he'd been late in the past and Rebecca stated that he had not been late before this quarter.

**Motion:** Councilman Carroll made a motion to waive the late fee associated with Mr. Caruso's account. Councilman Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Rebecca stated that she wanted to let Council know that Ralph has been invited to attend the EPA conference because they will be discussing arsenic removal and Ralph has more experience than anyone else on this since our system was put in first. It is a real honor for him and they will pay all expenses. He will be gone for a few days in August and depending on his wife's health she might go with him to the conference. Rebecca stated that Ralph has done a really good job with the arsenic treatment plant.

**Motion:** Councilman Yapsuga made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Clendaniel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sarah Ferguson, Town Clerk prepared these minutes.

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