

## MONTHLY MEETING

May 6, 2003

The Commissioners of Sudlersville held their monthly Town Meeting on Tuesday May 7, 2002. In attendance were Commissioners Kimble, Wheat and Dulin, Town Manager, Mickey Fluharty and Town Clerk, Aline Skinner. Guests included Joe Skinner from Jaed, State's Attorney, Mark Kratovil, Jr. and Mark Barbre from QA's County Sheriff's Office. Town residents included Richard and Faye Williams, Jonathon Levan, Ester Blackiston, Amy Meisling, William Roe, Robbie Blackiston and Kurt Wise.

Motions were made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the minutes, treasurer's reports and budget vs. actual reports as presented.

Mickey reported on the status of the web design. A draft should be ready by the end of this week or the beginning of next. He asked Commissioner Wheat to follow up on the businesses/institutions that have not submitted any information yet. The draft codification is still at the lawyer's office for review and recommendations. There was no response to the ad for repairing and or replacing the roofs on the Collier House and the little Zoning Office.

Mickey has been working on a revised zoning application and zoning permit. He gave the Commissioners samples to review and consider for acceptance. It was noted the verbiage in the Zoning Ordinance is confusing. This problem will be forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Commission for their consideration. When the zoning permit issue is completed, the building permit application and permit will be reviewed

Two bids for mowing the lagoon grass were presented, opened and read. Blackiston Lawn Care was \$300 per week and Yardworks was \$200.00 per week. The contract was awarded to Yardworks, effective immediately.

The issue of branches hanging over the road on Maple Avenue was discussed again. There is no ordinance in place at this time that would address this problem. It was decided for the time being we need to identify the trees that are causing the problem and determine who they belong to. Also, MML will be contacted regarding this question.

Joe Skinner from Jaed reported no bids were received for Phase I renovations to the office building, namely a new roof. The Commissioners now have the option to contact contractors directly and solicit bids. Mr. Skinner, with his contacts, will try to generate some interest in our project.

Kurt Wise of the Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company asked the Commissioners to consider sponsoring The Bay Country Gentlemen for the carnival. The band has been booked for June 17<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$500 and the Fire Company is now asking the Town to pay for them. Kurt reviewed the schedule for the Carnival that will run for one week, June 15<sup>th</sup> thru the 19<sup>th</sup>. These monies can come out of next year's budget. A motion was made by Commissioner Dulin and seconded by Commissioner Kimble to increase the donation to the Fire Company from \$1,000 to \$1,500 in fiscal year 2003/2004. The vote was not unanimous. Sponsoring a booth will be taken under advisement.

State's Attorney, Frank Kratovil, spoke briefly about what is going on in his office. As promised, all the prosecutors (4) are now full time. He assured the town if they have any questions or problems, call his office or him directly.

Mrs. Godfrey reported on the lack of and need for storage at the Train Station. The Betterment Club would like to know if the Town would be agreeable to possibly moving the little Zoning Office up next to the Train Station. Mrs. Godfrey will check details to see if this is a viable solution. She will get back to the Commissioners when the necessary questions have been answered.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the budgets. The Commissioners decided town employees would get a 6% increase this year instead of COL (Cost of Living) 3%. Prior year income will be raised by \$1,000 to cover this increase. \$500 was moved from Contingency Fund to cover the extra \$500 being donated to the Fire Company.

There was a brief discussion concerning the recent I&I (Inflow & Infiltration) Study done on a portion of the sewer lines. It was determined the town may need major repair on the sewer line. The process for a complete I&I study will be started now for future work on the sewer lines. E.T. Kimble and Mickey Fluharty attended MRW Assoc. Conference and made some good contacts.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wheat, seconded by Commissioner Dulin and unanimously approved to participate in the Circuit Rider Program for the upcoming fiscal year. The Commissioners signed a new MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) and a new Resolution 2003-01. Mickey's resignation was announced. MRDC is in the process of finding Sudlersville a new circuit rider.

Glen will get annuals and plant them again this year.

Deputy Mark Barbre gave his report. This month was not as busy as usual, they only had 12 calls. He handed out some literature on home security and a folder called "File of Life".

Amy Meisling announced the new schedule for Neighborhood Watch meetings. They will now be held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month here at the town office. She questioned what happened to the Stop signs that were supposed to be put up at the corner of Linden and Miller. This will be checked into and reported on at the next meeting.

Kurt Wise spoke again for the Fire Company. He requested he be moved up on the agenda as our meeting is in conflict with the Fire Company meetings. Hopefully, come July 1<sup>st</sup> the Paramedic Unit will be here at the Sudlersville Fire House.

The fire wells came up for discussion again. The Commissioners shared the information they had to date regarding the possible annexation/development and the possibility of fire wells being part of this development. A lengthy discussion about the Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinance and possible future annexation followed. The issue was again tabled to a later date.

Mr. Roe requested the wells be kept on the agenda until the situation is resolved. He also asked the Commissioners to support the renaming of Sudlersville Park to W. Sudler Goodhand Park. They will take this request under advisement.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Aline P. Skinner, Town Clerk