



**Minutes of the
Colonial Beach Town Council
Regular Meeting held on
Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**

Colonial Beach Town Center
22 Washington Avenue
Colonial Beach, VA 22443

Present

Mayor, Mike Ham
Vice Mayor, Tommy Edwards
Member, Pete Bone
Member, Linda Brubaker
Member, Jim Chiarello
Member, Gary Seeber

Also Present

Town Manager, Val Foulds
Town Attorney, Andrea Erard
Town Clerk, Kathleen Flanagan
Police Chief, Libby Legg

Call to Order

Mayor Ham called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Ham led a recitation the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Members

All members were present, except Wanda Goforth, who was out of town.

Additions to the Agenda

Mr. Seeber made a motion to add Resolution #32-14, Authorizes Town Manager to seek funding for School Improvement Projects and Certain General Fund and Utility Fund Capital Needs. Without objection, Resolution #32-14 was added to the agenda.

Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Edwards to approve the agenda and seconded by Mr. Chiarello. Mayor Ham called for a voice vote. All in favor, signify by saying “aye.” The “ayes” were unanimous, the motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes

Ms. Brubaker made a motion to approve of the minutes for the November 14, 2013 Regular meeting; the January 9, 2014 Regular meeting; and the April 3, 2014 Joint Work Session. Mr. Chiarello seconded the motion. Mayor Ham called for a voice vote. All in favor, signify by saying “aye.” The ayes have it.

Council Announcements

Mr. Bone noted he would like to hold a budget work session for Council on Tuesday, April 15 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Chiarello seconded the motion. Mayor Ham called for a voice vote, all in favor signify by saying “aye.” The ayes have it. Without objection, there will be a budget work session on Tuesday, April beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Chiarello noted the Colonial Beach Foundation was sponsoring its annual Town Trolley Tasting Tour on May 15. Tickets are available through the Foundation.

Mr. Edwards asked Chief Legg to report to Council.

Chief Legg advised Council that an article in the Westmoreland News this week provided inaccurate statistics for sex offenders living in Colonial Beach. According to Chief Legg there are five registered sex offenders actually living in Colonial Beach. Chief Legg contacted the reporter to have the information corrected.

Mr. Seeber reported that the sewer project on the numbered streets should be done this month. There was some damage to ditches and roads, but that will be repaired as per the contract. Pothole patching is underway. Meadow Avenue should be fixed next week.

Mr. Seeber further noted that there have been a lot of comments about selling town-owned property. Mr. Seeber noted that Council passed a resolution several years ago mandating that any funds from the sale of town-owned land is put into a special fund earmarked for capital improvements and is set aside.

Presentations

Larry Roberson, Supervisor, Westmoreland County Board of Supervisors

Mr. Roberson said the Westmoreland County budget “doesn’t look good.” There is a 3-cent tax increase on the table. There is a work session scheduled for Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. to go over the budget.

Colonial Beach Volunteer Fire Department

A representative from the Fire Department reported that for the month of March, the Department ran 59 calls with a total of 139 man hours.

Kathleen Beane, School Superintendent

Ms. Beane noted there was a “large contingent here of family, parents and community members and teachers and staff. Several wanted to speak at public comment. We realize that the work session will be during our spring break.”

Citizen Input

Trish King, citizen, spoke to selling town-owned beach properties, which she agrees with. Ms. King noted that a commercial, experienced agent should be retained to work with the town.

Ms. King then spoke to Council asking them to look at the budget as a business and try to separate the emotions. The town has a limited way of acquiring funds: taxes, tourism and fees.

Ms. King then spoke to Eleanor Park, which, she noted actually is comprised of seven lots. Ideally, someone would come in and buy the whole thing.

Luke Sydnor, 215 Ball Street, noted “it does my heart good” to see so many people in attendance.

Mr. Sydnor then spoke to the school fire saying “If it hadn’t been for the fireboat coming from Cobb Island, who knows what else would have burned because we didn’t have no water pressure, we didn’t have no water and it was a crisis.” Since then, no one has checked fire hydrants, no one has checked water supply.

Mr. Sydnor further noted “It was kind of odd we had to go to the nursing home to get an ex employee of the school board to come and cut the water off because nobody else knew how to do it.”

Mr. Sydnor further noted out of 95 counties, there are two counties in the state that have independent school systems, Colonial Beach and West Point.

Regarding moving the school, Mr. Sydnor referenced a newspaper article from May 22, 2013 “Budget Funding for School Approved...After much debate the Town Council passed a resolution to fund the entire budget, \$2.15 million for the school system. School officials can breathe easy. Now they can start planning for the move right away, insuring that the elementary school is located on the high school campus as soon as possible.”

Mr. Sydnor noted “If we had moved the school with last year’s budget, and there it is -- those children would have been over there.”

Mr. Sydnor then noted that Oak Grove Baptist Church had trouble with their septic tank last week and the town did not volunteer to send out a pump truck or contractor to help.

(Applause.)

Mr. Sydnor is also concerned that there is a half million in repairs needed to the high school.

Mr. Sydnor then spoke to the sale of the yacht club and noted the money from the sale of that property has been spent.

(Applause.)

Mr. Seeber spoke to Mr. Sydnor saying he wanted to make a couple of comments. “The pipes that run around the school have been looked at and is presently in the works and has been in the works for two years. That doesn’t happen overnight.”

Mr. Seeber then noted “The money in the budget last year was to move the middle school to the high school property and that was done.”

Mr. Seeber then noted “There is still \$540K still in the capital improvements fund from the sale of the yacht club.”

Multiple conversations.

Mayor Ham called for the next citizen on the list.

Walter Kern, 2400 McKinney Boulevard, spoke to the magnificent job the American Legion did on the boardwalk.

Lisa Purky, school employee, spoke to the issue of security upgrades. The budget presented will cover a security upgrade.

Ms. Purky identified three areas of concern: (1) classrooms; (2) entrance to the high school; and (3) two-way communication. There were 138 school attacks since the year 2000 across the United States.

(Applause.)

William Flammer, citizen, concurs with Mr. Sydnor and gave a “shout out” to Oak Grove Baptist Church.

(Applause.)

Mr. Flammer spoke to the conditions of the roads. The streets in the Meadows are terrible. Over the last year, on at least fourteen occasions, the town has filled potholes with gravel, which does not last.

Mr. Flammer noted the town needs crosswalks and sidewalks.

Mr. Flammer further noted there are gumballs on the beach.

Mr. Flammer further noted in front of the boat ramp the water accumulates to three feet deep.

Mr. Flammer noted the ditch in his yard is overgrown and there is no easement for a ditch, even though the flowers he planted were dug up because they were on town property.

(Applause.)

Mr. Bone asked Mr. Trivett “Is the sewer backed up at the Oak Grove Baptist Church?”

Mr. Trivett answered “Not any more.” “We asked for help from the town and we were told we couldn’t get it.”

Mr. Bone asked “Who did you ask?”

Mr. Trivett answered “You would have to ask our staff.”

Mr. Trivett agreed to get a name to Mr. Bone.

Jennifer Hauss, CB Middle School teacher, lives in Fredericksburg, believes this town’s best hope is a well funded school. Ms. Hauss noted her classroom door does not lock and her classroom is not safe.

(Applause.)

Robin Baker, 1943 James Monroe Highway, is an alumni and a parent of students in Colonial Beach schools. The children are our future and they rely upon you.

(Applause.)

Jean Conaty, 207 Monroe Bay Avenue, Historical Society, reported that the Historical Society will open its doors for the season on Saturday, April 12 at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Conaty invited members of Town Council and the general public to visit. Membership fees and donations are tax deductible.

(Applause.)

Amy Blanford, 189 Piney Forest Drive, signed in not aware she would be speaking. Ms. Blanford loves the school and loves the teachers.

Jon Michem, 218 Cedar Avenue, is an educator in Colonial Beach and spoke to teacher attrition. Mr. Michem and his wife were shocked when, at new teacher orientation, they saw 17 new teachers, which is about 35% of the staff. The state average is 15%. Teacher attrition can be linked to: (1) inadequate funding; (2) lack of mentoring support; and (3) deteriorating facilities, lack of resources and low salaries.

Mr. Michem encouraged a tax increase to fund the schools.

(Applause.)

Diana Pearson, 300 Billingsley Avenue, noted she had one of the largest ice machine in town and is concerned when the water is cut off and she is not provided notification.

Ms. Pearson reminded Council when the jet ski competition was held last year, Ms. Ellie Carruthers had to close her motel down. Ms. Pearson has not seen a big increase in people in town during the jet ski competition.

Ms. Pearson reminded Mayor Ham that Council follows Robert's Rules of Order and asked him to use his gavel when needed.

(Applause.)

Hank Ward, 2800 Dwight Avenue, asked what is needed to be done to get his road paved. Mayor Ham responded that he would give Mr. Ward his card so they can have a conversation. Mr. Ward thanked Council for their service.

(Applause.)

Phil Labowski, teacher, Fredericksburg, is one of the new teachers this year and talked about "competing priorities" saying cutting education is not the answer. There is a correlation between poor schools and incarceration rates.

(Applause.)

Veronica Reynolds, Placid Bay, has been a teacher here for 16 years. Ms. Reynolds displayed a poster done by an 11th grader as an assignment regarding a "hero." The student chose a teacher as their "hero" saying the teacher protects the students by throwing themselves into the line of fire to disarm the assailant.

(Applause.)

Tim Trivett, Chairman, CB School Board, noted it is disheartening when the school tries to work with the people in town and they don't want to work with us. Mr. Trivett does not know "what's created this division." "We've been reported to the Health Department, we've been reported to the State Fire Marshall, you name it, and we've been reported. It's disheartening. We're doing everything we can to protect those kids. As the Health Department knows, we corrected that problem and it's going to cost us \$165 per week that is not in our budget."

"I just hope the town employees will do what they can to help us. We did ask about using the facilities out here and we were told that absolutely couldn't happen. We will get you a name of who said that. So we'll pay the \$165 to empty that septic tank. We are so blessed that that church allowed us to put those 280 kids there."

(Applause.)

Mr. Trivett continued “It’s not the best conditions but these teachers are making it work.” “We have 150 employees, we are the biggest employer in town. They support our 7-11; they support our gas; they support this community. They do so many things for this community and I’m just asking that you support them.”

Mr. Trivett continued “One of you council members talked about consolidation of the schools and putting a referendum out there...there is a state code that addresses that, 22.1-25 talks about who creates school divisions and who can change that. Basically it says that unless the school board agrees to it, you can say anything you want to say and it means absolutely nothing. We have to agree to it as well as the governing body for any kind of consolidation. And I don’t think that’s going to happen as long as I’m on the school board.

I say that not because I think that somebody else can do any better than what we’re doing, but I believe this wouldn’t be a very good town to live in. Young families would have no reason to live here; they would all be gone.

Mr. Trivett spoke to a previous comment by council saying the school spends \$11,000 per student. Mr. Trivett explained “we get about \$700,00 from the town in local funding. We get a huge amount from the county, \$1.2 million, most of our funding comes from federal and state funds.”

Mr. Trivett continued “If you read that report, it’s \$3,000-something that we contribute locally per child and it’s \$4,000 from Westmoreland County.”

(Applause.)

Karen Hamlin, 2540 Riverview Drive, has been a teacher here for 23 years. Ms. Hamlin had a student with her who distributed gifts to town council (tee shirt, sunglasses and a hat).

(Applause.)

Steve Cirbee, 809 Washington Avenue, noted he lives here and is a business owner here, coming from several generations living in Colonial Beach.

Mr. Cirbee noted “We barely fund the schools, we barely fund the roads, we barely fund the sewerage system; we barely fund the water system; we barely fund anything.

For the first time I agree with Mr. Trivett. It’s time we made a decision. If we’re going to be a town, we’ve got to be able to fulfill the requirements of being a town. If we’re going to support a school, the school has to be supported properly.”

Mr. Cirbee continued “If we’re going to have schools, I want great schools. If we’re going to have roads, I want great roads.”

Mr. Cirbee continued “I think we have to stop dead in our tracks right now and say, okay, what needs fixed and what is it going to cost? And then tell the taxpayers in this town, look, if we

really want to be a town and we want to be a proper town, this is what it is going to cost you, taxpayers. Let us know that so we can make a decision based on the whole thing, not just a line item here and a line item there.”

(Applause.)

Kelly DeJesus, 208 Forest Avenue, supports the school. Ms. DeJesus noted if we send the schools to the county, the county will have to raise taxes.

(Applause.)

Lindsey Cramer, teacher, lives in King George Co., “It was really sad for me to explain to my kids that their classroom is like a third world county. We don’t have books, we don’t have resources.”

(Applause.)

Sharon Dunavant, 700 Bancroft, aka “school lunch lady,” noted “We have a decision to make, to be a town, and if we have to raise our taxes to do it, so be it. We have a responsibility and an obligation to the school system, to the kids, to give them a good school.”

(Applause.)

Marsha Feldman, 1605 Beach Ave, spoke to the sale of town property, saying any money from the sale of town property should go to buying another asset, otherwise we are just bankrupting ourselves.

Ms. Feldman does not believe it should be a town council decision, it should be a referendum, a citizen decision.

(Applause.)

Mike Paterno, King George, is Director of Athletics and Transportation in CB, noted he is so impressed with the way the community embraces athletics.

(Applause.)

Recess

Mayor Ham called a five-minute recess.

Reconvene from Recess

Mayor Ham reconvened the meeting.

Unfinished Business

Discussion of bond amount

Mr. Bone reported that the number recommended by the school is \$1,124,763 from and the number recommended for the general fund is \$996,400 for capital improvements for a total bond amount of \$2,121,163.

Mr. Seeber asked Mr. Bone for a list of what is being looked at for capital improvements.

Mr. Bone reported it was for a trash truck and some other things and that the town manager has a list which will be discussed at Tuesday's work session.

Mr. Bone noted Resolution 32-14 was up for vote this evening and would authorize the Town Manager to seek funding for the bond issue. Council would also have to hold a public hearing before submitting the bond request.

Mr. Seeber noted Resolution 32-14 would begin the process so that the school side of the bond for moving the elementary school to the high school campus could begin.

Mr. Chiarello asked if there was a firm number for the tax increase to cover the bond.

Mr. Bone noted as it currently stands ---

Mr. Chiarello would like a figure and a length of time.

Mr. Bone answered: "Two cents. 30 years."

Mr. Bone continued "It's one cent per \$45,000. So a \$2 million loan would cost approximately \$80,000 at the anticipated rate."

Mr. Bone continued "I haven't gotten a copy of the school budget yet, the official copy. So I'm assuming we're going to get all that at the work session."

Mr. Chiarello suggested "We rebuild this town on paper starting off with the assets and work our way down until we run out of money. And decide what we can do and can't do. And then find out what we need to do to bring us to where we want to go."

Mr. Chiarello continued "How much are we collecting? How much are we giving to who?"

Mr. Chiarello continued "The bottom line is if we can't afford it, you can't have it...if you can't pay for it, you can't have it."

Public Input

Marketing Town-Owned Properties, specifically Eleanor Mobile Home Park

Mayor Ham noted that no decisions will be made tonight. Council will need to hold a public hearing before anything can be sold.

Town Council wants input from citizens on the issue of selling town-owned properties.

William Flammer, Forest Avenue, doesn't have a problem with the town selling properties, but believes the town ought to wait until the market gets better. As to Robin Grove, Mr. Flammer would prefer to see that property leased. As to the boardwalk, Mr. Flammer thinks we should not sell that property and no one entity should be allowed to monopolize the boardwalk. Mr. Flammer suggested the town lease the boardwalk properties.

Mr. Bone asked Ms. Erard how long you can lease property in Virginia.

Ms. Erard answered "40 years."

Marion Miller, 230 Given Street, believes boardwalk properties should be sold or leased long-term so as to generate revenue.

Ms. Miller believes the police substation on the boardwalk should be leased out to a business.

Ms. Miller does not believe Eleanor Park should be sold. Rather, it should be preserved for public use, public enjoyment.

Ms. Miller does believe the Lion's Club property should be sold, as should the Klotz Building, old public works building, as well as the various lots and alley ways around town, thereby generating taxes and improving maintenance.

(Applause.)

Bob Branch, 100 Longfellow Avenue, thinks the properties being discussed should be sold and developed.

Diane Pearson, 300 Billingsley, would like to see a developer develop the boardwalk or for the town invest in building buildings and hiring someone to manage the ground floor business and have the upper floor as residential units.

Ms. Pearson is against selling the three buildings on Irving, including the old firehouse and school building.

Ms. Pearson brought up the money earned from the sale of the yacht club, saying she believed it was probably all gone.

Mr. Seeber answered "There's approximately \$500K of that money left."

Walter Kern, citizen, is in favor of selling Eleanor trailer park and believes the town needs to do something with the boardwalk. The boardwalk is an eyesore as is other areas of town due to poor maintenance for the last 10 years.

Robin Schick, 163 4th Street, also serves on the Planning Commission and reminded Council that the Commission recommended holding on to Eleanor Park and re-evaluating in four or five years, and consider options of public/private partnership and use as a park in the short term.

(Applause.)

Steve Cirbee, Washington Avenue, noted that seven or eight years ago Council passed a resolution to vacate and sell Eleanor Park “and here we are still wondering what to do with Eleanor Park.”

Mr. Cirbee asked “If we were to plat the town tomorrow, where would we want to put a park? Maybe it would be nice to have a park on Irving Avenue, on the Point instead of Robin Grove park.”

Mr. Cirbee suggested trading Robin Grove park for the Eleanor Park. Robin Grove park is eroding and will become a financial burden to the town to continue to maintain the banks of that property.

Mr. Cirbee cannot see the current plans to improve the water main on Robin Grove and suggests building a water tower on the Lion’s Club property, which is not water front. Then, leave Eleanor Park as a park as it is low maintenance.

Mr. Cirbee remembers the boardwalk when it was booming, “it’s not going to happen again.” Because we are on a flood plain, you really cannot build anything on the boardwalk. There is also not enough parking. The viability of putting commercial businesses on the boardwalk is nil.

Mr. Cirbee believes that residential is the only viable option to develop the boardwalk; for example, parking on the first floor and living units on the second and third floor.

Mr. Cirbee further noted “If there was commercial appeal there, we would have people lined up for our vendor program on the boardwalk, and we don’t.” “You’re not going to get a commercial developer to come in and develop the boardwalk, there is no commercial appeal to be; the infrastructure is not there; the parking is not there.”

The boardwalk is currently zoned commercial, so you would have to change the zoning.

Mr. Cirbee further noted we need to reduce commercial zoning; we’ve got too much. We’ve got to focus on residential.

Mr. Cirbee’s recommendation to market the boardwalk is to focus on a fairly dense residential zone that mirrors the old art deco style of some of the beaches along California’s coast and northeastern coast, keeping in mind flood plains and parking and infrastructure.

(Applause.)

Luke Sydnor, 215 Ball Street, believes if the town were to change the boundary line, that would generate a lot of revenue. Mr. Sydnor also would like to see accessory apartments charged for individual water bills.

(Applause.)

Marsha Feldman, 1605 Beach Ave, believes the boardwalk should be developed, for example, with cotton candy or a miniature golf course which would encourage families to come and spend the day or have an outdoor drive-in.

(Applause.)

Relda Schick, citizen, agrees with her daughter, Robin, and Steve Cirbee. Ms. Schick has said for a long time that the boardwalk will never come back and continues to believe that.

Ms. Schick noted more definition is needed when talking about ‘boardwalk lots.’

(Applause.)

Glenda Chiarello, 1008 Monroe Bay Ave, thanked Council for their time and effort.

Ms. Chiarello noted, for example, when you look at sale of property, you need to look at the big picture such as the yacht club and the revenue that it has generated since the sale.

Ms. Chiarello believes the best use for Eleanor Park would be attached patio homes, which would generate more tax revenue.

Ms. Chiarello would like to see the issue of the sale of Eleanor Park be presented as a referendum to the voters.

Ms. Chiarello noted that as long as the boardwalk and the beaches remain public, it could work as residential.

(Applause.)

Mr. Bone noted Council had asked for citizen input on marketing the town. Most speakers have focused on use of town-owned properties. The question is: how do we market the town; how do we support that activity?

Mr. Bone brought up putting both the water tower and the park on the current Lion’s Club property and leaving for sale Eleanor Park and Robin Grove park, which are both waterfront.

Mr. Chiarello noted Council is looking to a professional involved in marketing town-owned properties.

Llye Hunger, 1607 Irving, represents other folks who are willing to chip in and maintain Eleanor Park in order to keep it from being sold.

Mr. Hunger lives here part-time and would like more clarity from Council.

(Applause.)

Mayor Ham reported that the following citizens had submitted emails in response to Council's request for input and those emails are on file at Town Hall:

Pamela Blake believes the boardwalk should be developed into unique businesses and Eleanor Park, if necessary, should be kept residential.

Ed Blunt believes Eleanor Park should be sold, but no more giving property away.

Cathy Bokman believes the boardwalk should be developed with restaurants, retail and arts. Eleanor Park needs to stay single family residential.

Connie Canby opposes the sale of these properties.

Marcia Feldman believes no property should be sold without a ballot referendum.

Kristine Guido requests Town Council answer a fact sheet, then hold another public hearing.

Edward Hart believes Eleanor Park should remain a park.

Michele Mehrling believes a long term land lease be used to have potential developers develop an active adult community and boardwalk properties should not be sold, but the town should collaborate with developers.

Polly Parks agrees with Kristine Guido and would like the town to wait five years and then re-visit selling Eleanor Park and seek a master developer to renovate downtown, including the boardwalk as mixed use.

Mitzi Saffos encouraged Council to look at the long-term wellbeing of the town and its residents. Boardwalk property would benefit by additional businesses as opposed to a small number of businesses monopolizing the area.

Maureen McCabe noted the town is not supposed to be in real estate. Council could develop multiple options and let the citizens decide which one would best benefit the town.

Resolution #30-14, Funding Commitment for 2014 Jet Ski Event

Mr. Bone made a motion that this Resolution be carried to Tuesday's work session so it can be incorporated into the next fiscal year budget.

There was no second and the motion failed.

Mayor Ham replied that the fund would come out of this year's budget.

Mr. Bone then asked for the Town Manager's recommendation and where the money would come from.

Mayor Ham replied that it could be put in a line item, but there are end of the year budget adjustments being prepared to address any changes in line items. Theoretically it should come out of council contingency.

Mayor Ham proposed adding line item “11010-5836, Council Contingency” to the resolution.

Mr. Edwards made a motion to approve Resolution 30-14, as amended by Mayor Ham. Mr. Chiarello seconded the motion.

Mr. Bone asked Ms. Foulds the total of the line item. Ms. Foulds answered “\$843.00 over budget.”

Ms. Brubaker asked why this had not been included in this year’s budget. Ms. Foulds answered “If you recall, last year we cut the budget to nothing.”

Mr. Bone noted he supports the event, but there will be tough decisions made on Tuesday.

Mr. Chiarello noted the after effects of the jet ski event coverage is worth its weight in gold.

Mayor Ham called for a voice vote on the motion. All in favor, signify by saying “aye.” Mayor Ham, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Bone, Mr. Chiarello, and Mr. Seeber voted “aye.” Any opposed? Ms. Brubaker voted “opposed.” Ms. Goforth was absent. With a vote of 5-1, Resolution #30-14 passes.

-----Resolution #30-14-----

RESOLUTION #30-14 – Funding Commitment for 2014 Jet Ski Event

WHEREAS, the Colonial Beach Town Council has received a request for financial support of the 2014 National Jet Ski Competition in Colonial Beach; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has agreed to provide financial support in the amount of \$5,000; and

WHEREAS, the Chamber of Commerce agrees to return to the Town of Colonial Beach one-third of any and all profit made from this event up to the amount provided by the Town; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council meeting at a regular meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2014 authorizes the Town Manager to encumber \$5,000 from line item number 11010-5836 for this event.

-----End of Resolution-----

Resolution #31-14, Amendment of Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget – School Fund

Mayor Ham reported this resolution appropriates the \$100,000 insurance payment.

Mr. Edwards made a motion to approve Resolution #31-14 as written. Mr. Chiarello seconded the motion.

Mayor Ham called for a voice vote on the motion. All in favor, signify by saying “aye.” Mayor Ham, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Bone, Mr. Chiarello, Ms. Brubaker and Mr. Seeber voted “aye.” Ms. Goforth was absent. Resolution #31-14 passes.

-----Resolution #31-14-----

RESOLUTION # 31-14, AMENDMENT OF FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 BUDGET – SCHOOL FUND

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Colonial Beach Town Council meeting in regular session, Thursday, April 10, 2014 hereby adopts and appropriates an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 budget as follows:

	FY 2013-14 Approved	FY 2013-14 Revised	Change
School Fund	\$6,481,691	\$6,581,691	+\$100,000*

*\$100,000 represents an initial insurance reimbursement to the School Board, related to expenses incurred as a result of the Elementary School Fire on January 5, 2014

-----End of Resolution-----

Resolution #32-14, Authorizes the Town Manager to seek funding for school improvement projects and certain general fund and utility fund capital needs

Mayor Ham noted the total school funding request is \$1,124,763 and the total general and utility fund request is \$996,400 for a total of \$2,121,163.

Mr. Edwards made a motion to approve Resolution #32-14. Mr. Chiarello seconded the motion.

Mr. Seeber noted “This is going to cost a \$.02 tax increase.”

Mayor Ham called for a voice vote on the motion. All in favor, signify by saying “aye.” Mayor Ham, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Bone, Mr. Chiarello, Ms. Brubaker and Mr. Seeber voted “aye.” Ms. Goforth was absent. Resolution #32-14 passes.

-----Resolution #32-14-----

Resolution #32-14, Authorizes Town Manager to Seek Funding For School Improvement Projects And Certain General Fund and Utility Fund Capital Needs

WHEREAS, The Colonial Beach Town Council is committed to an ongoing investment in the education of our children, and;

WHEREAS, there is a strong need for school facilities improvements and upgrades, and

WHEREAS, there are also delayed capital investments that must be made within the Town, in order to better serve the community and create value for our taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the School Board has identified improvements of \$1,124,763 and the Town has identified facilities and capital needs in the amount of \$996,400 for a total loan amount of \$2,121, 163.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Colonial Beach Town Council, at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 10, 2014 authorizes the Town Manager to continue the process started with VML-VACo Finance in the fall of 2013, to secure the funding needed to meet the school improvement projects needs and the Town's capital investment needs.

-----End of Resolution-----

Closed Session

There was no closed session.

Adjournment

Ms. Brubaker made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Chiarello seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

Kathleen Flanagan, Town Clerk

Mike Ham, Mayor