

MINUTES
SPECIAL – PUBLIC HEARING:
SERVICE LINE WARRANTY PROGRAM
October 16, 2017 – 7:30 p.m.
Emmitsburg Town Office

Present: Mayor Donald Briggs; Commissioners: Elizabeth Buckman, Joseph Ritz III, Clifford Sweeney, and Tim O'Donnell, President. **Staff Present:** Cathy Willets, Town Manager; Madeline Shaw, Town Clerk; and Amy Naill, Code Enforcement Officer. **Absent:** Glenn Blanchard.

Notice was hereby given, that the Town of Emmitsburg, a Maryland municipal corporation, has requested “resident input on pursuing a service line warranty program through the National League of Cities (NLC). Currently Emmitsburg homeowners are responsible for water line repairs from the curb box to the building structure, and sewer repairs from the property line to the building structure (*Policy 17-03*). The NLC Service Line Warranty Program gives residents who have not set aside money to pay for utility line repairs the opportunity to obtain a low cost warranty that will provide repairs on leaking, clogged or broken water and sewer lines for a low monthly fee, with no deductibles or service fees. The work is performed by licensed, local plumbers who will call the customer within one hour of filing a claim. The repair is performed typically within 24 hours. For more information, residents were encouraged to attend the public hearing.”

The Public Hearing was advertised in the following methods:

- Public Notice on Town’s Website Calendar – 9/29/2017
- Public Notice on Town’s Facebook Calendar – 9/29/2017
- Public Notice via Flyers On Town’s Bulletin Boards – 9/27/2017
- Public Notice on Channel 99 – 09/27/2017
- Public Notice in the Town’s 3rd Quarter Water Bill Newsletter – Mailed 09/29/2017
- Public Notice via the Monument Sign in front of the Emmitsburg Community Center – 10/10/2017
- Newspaper Publications – 10/01/2017 to 10/31/2017 – Emmitsburg News Journal, The Catoclin Banner

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Tim O'Donnell, President of the Board of Commissioners, called the October 16, 2017 Public Hearing to order at 7:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Upcoming meetings were announced.

II. Agenda Items

Agenda #1- Presentation: National League of Cities (NLC) Service Line Warranty Program: Commissioner O'Donnell welcomed the residents in attendance and explained a public hearing was held to receive public comments regarding residents interest in pursuing a service line warranty program through the National League of Cities (NLC). Rob Meston, Regional Water Team Manager with National League of Cities (NLC), gave a presentation on the service line warranty program.

Request for Public Comment: Speakers were asked to state their name and address for the record.

Speaker(s):

1. *Conrad Flessner, 11 Seton Place, Emmitsburg*

Note: Commissioner Sweeney arrived at 8:05 p.m.

The Board discussed logistics, concerns, and endorsement of the NLC service line warranty program.

III. Adjournment

Motion to close the meeting by Commissioner Ritz III, second by Commissioner Buckman. Seeing no one else wishing to speak, the October 16, 2017 Public Hearing was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Madeline Shaw, Town Clerk
Approved: November 6, 2017