

Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting Monday, Nov. 09, 2015

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in the upstairs meeting room of the Slaughter Beach Memorial Volunteer Fire Company by Vice-Mayor Bill Krause. Council members present were Kathleen Lock, Bob Wood and Amy Parker. Members absent was Harry Ward. Community members in attendance are shown on the attached sign-in sheet.

2. Welcoming & Announcements

Vice Mayor Krause thanked everyone for their support. Bill discussed beach erosion and the importance of the Council and Town to take an active approach to this problem in the future.

3. Approval of the Nov. 09, 2015 meeting agenda

Motion:** A motion was made by Kathleen Lock to approve the Nov. 09 2015, meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Amy Parker. **The motion carried unanimously, 4 – 0.

4. Approval of the Oct. 12, 2015 Town meeting minutes

Motion:** A motion was made by Kathy Lock to approve the Oct. 12, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Amy Parker. **The motion carried 4-0.

5. Reading of Correspondence

The Town received correspondence from the town attorney regarding the refinishing job on the basketball court. After repeated attempts by both the Town and the attorney to have the vendor make the repair at their expense the town attorney has filed suit on our behalf.

6. Delaware Nature Society

Matt Babbitt, Manager at the Abbotts Mill Nature Center presented a mock-up of a new sign to replace the one near Marvel Drive in the marsh. The new Sign would be about 3" x 5". Funds for The new sign and boardwalk have been donated from Dogfish head.

There was a vote taken on the sign: *A motion was made by Kathy Lock to approve the Sign. The motion was seconded by Amy Parker. **The motion carried 4-0.***

7. Reports

- a) Treasurer

*Kathy Lock presented the October, 2015, Treasurer's Report, prepared by bookkeeper Jennifer Cornell. Vice Mayor Krause referred everyone to the handout copies that were provided prior to the meeting. **Motion:** Amy Parker made a motion to approve the October 2015 Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Bob Wood seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.***

- b) Building Enforcement Officer/ Floodplain Administrator
Vice Mayor Krause presented the Building Enforcement/Floodplain Administrator's written report. There was a lot of activity this month with 11.25 hours spent on Building enforcement involving 9 different properties and 4.25 hours on Floodplain matters.
Motion: *Kathleen Lock made a motion to approve the Oct Building Enforcement Officer/Floodplain Administrator's report. Bob wood seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously, 4-0***

- c) Tax Collector Report
Motion: *Amy Parker made a motion to approve the October tax collector report. Kathleen Lock seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.***

- d) Town Street Committee report
 - i. *Mr. Dalton reported that he has received a few prices for shelling Pass water, Sand Piper and White Gull or crush and run on Pass water. There is a new contractor who has property in Slaughter beach that is also submitting a quote.*

 - ii. *Wildlife Cert. Sign should be installed by the next meeting..*

 - iii. *MPH sign – The seal failed on one of the MPH signs. Jimmy contacted the manufacturer and they had offered 3 options which he saw as unacceptable. The signs are only 2 years old but there warranty is just 12 months. They will get back to us. .*

- e) Mayoral and Council Updates
 - 1 -The town was recognized at the last *Delaware Bayshore Initiative* meeting for the effort that has been made by the town.

 - 2 - Property owners list is being updated.

8. **Old Business**

a) **Grants**

✓ **Elevation Grant**

Kathy Lock reported that we were notified that we were not successful with the current 2 houses up for consideration. The reasons seem to lean toward the fact that we have not had any sizeable damage reports in the past few years. We need to encourage residents to make council aware of any damage in the future.

USDA Grant

Kathy Lock reported that award of the USDA Search grant will be approved for \$30,000.00. This grant will fund the wastewater study which will study the process of bringing a sewer line to town...

✓ **2015 Parks and Recreation Grant**

A grant application was submitted to the Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation for a grant for the design of a boardwalk and observation deck on the Marvel Salt Preserve tract. This project will be partially funding by DNREC's Division of Fish and Wildlife as part of the Delaware Bay shore Initiative. .

✓ **Town Park 2014 Grant**

Our Attorney has submitted a letter to the contractor and we are waiting for a reply.

✓ **Sussex County Shared Safety Grant**

Amy Parker noted that the funds for the 2016 public safety grant have been committed and the paperwork has been submitted. Police patrols should start at any time now and we will try to get a schedule out once it has been established.

b) **Memorandum of Understanding with Sussex County (Flood Plain)**

Sussex County has approved the plan submitted and the plan will be set to FEMA any day.

c) **Delaware Nature Society**

Last month, Kathleen Lock reported that the lease was ready for signature, had been reviewed by our attorney, and was approved by Council.

d) **CAV Update – November/December Visit to SB**

Bill Krause said that there is one more step and that we expect the CAV report will be closed out with FEMA in the near future.

7. New Business:

- a) *We need to fill in a few more board spots. These will be discussed at the next meeting.*
- b) *There are 2 lot owners on Isaacs Shore that want to combine lots 10 &11 together. Council voted to allow this process.*

Kathy Lock made the motion and Amy Parker 2nd. The vote was 3-0.

c) DNREC has proposed new regulations that will affect property owner's rights. Most of the regulations would not have a great effect on Slaughter Beach or seem to be reasonable in our case. There are a few that we would like to have clarified and also want to add some input as a town. The council is drafting a letter with those concerns and private citizens are encouraged also to send a letter to Lisa Vest at DNREC voicing there concerns. There is an article in the News Journal on Sunday NOV 8, 2015 if you would like to reference.

8. Upcoming Events

- ✓ *Town Council Regular Meeting, next meeting Dec. 14th @ 7 PM*

9. Adjournment

Motion: *Kathy Lock made a motion to adjourn. Amy Parker seconded it. **The motion passed unanimously, 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Wood
Secretary