

Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting

## Monday, April 11, 2016

### 1. **Call Meeting to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM in the upstairs meeting room of the Slaughter Beach Memorial Volunteer Fire Company by Mayor Harry Ward. Council members present were Bill Krause, Kathleen Lock, and Bob Wood. Member absent was Amy Parker. Community members in attendance are shown on the attached sign-in sheet.*

### 2. **Welcoming & Announcements**

*Mayor Ward acknowledged a normal size attendance and thanked everyone for their support.*

### 3. **Approval of the April 11, 2016 meeting agenda**

***Motion:** A motion was made by Kathleen Lock to approve the April 11, 2016, meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Bob Wood. **The motion carried unanimously, 4 – 0.***

### 4. **Approval of the March 14, 2016 Town meeting minutes**

***Motion:** A motion was made by Kathleen Lock to approve the March 14, 2016 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Bob Wood. **The motion carried 4-0.***

### 5. **Reading of Correspondence**

*The Town received correspondence from Del Dot for the Muni Funds Street Aid Grant. This will be reviewed and an application sent to Del Dot.*

*Verizon sent us a statement of Verizon reports for Sussex County containing various reports and spreadsheets pertaining to the business they do in the county. Since we currently not served by Verizon, it will be disguardred.*

### 6. **Reports:**

#### A. Treasurer

*Kathy Lock presented the March 2016 Treasurer's Report, prepared by bookkeeper Jennifer Cornell. Kathy referred everyone to the handout copies that were provided prior to the meeting.*

**Motion:** *Bill Krause made a motion to approve the March 2016 Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Bob Wood seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.***

- B. Building Enforcement Officer/ Floodplain Administrator  
*Mayor Ward presented the Building Enforcement/Floodplain Administrator's written report. Bob Clendaniels has reported that he worked 10,75 hours on 2 different projects this past month.*
  
- C. Tax Collector Report  
*Angela Tibbett sent a report for March. Due to a recent effort to collect back taxes we received \$974.00 this month.*
  
- D. Town Street Committee report
  - a. *Mr. Dalton reported that the shelling on the streets on the northern end look really good...*
  
  - b. *A New MPH Sign has been ordered and should arrive in the next 3 weeks.*
  
  - c. *There should be some discussion with the current house builders due to the fact that they are allowing their trash dumpsters to be over filled and items are spilling out and into the marsh. It was decided that a letter should first be sent to the property owners involved.*
  
  - d. *Going forward, it was agreed that a plumber will winterize the town bathrooms to help lessen damages.*
  
- E. Mayoral & Council updates  
*Kathy Lock reported that the annual newsletter is ready for this year and should be mailed out this week.*

## 7. Old Business

a) **Grants**

✓ **DNREC REG's for shorelines Update**

*There is no nothing new from DNREC*

✓ **USDA Grant**

✓ *Kathy Lock reported that USDA anticipates this grant any day.*

✓ **Sea Level Rise Grant**

*Kathy reported that there has been some progress on the Tucker Property.*

*We will not apply for this grant this year because FEMA has issues with Sussex County and no grants will be issued in Sussex County this year*

✓ **DNREC Resiliency Grant**

*There has been a second meeting and we have signed a memo of understanding.*

*The Town Kickoff of the project will be June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the firehouse and it will be catered. Please consider attending because we really would like everyone's input on this project*

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

*After a long process, We received the signed agreement today.*

Great work - Bob Clendaniel

c) **CAV Update**

*Same as last month.*

d) Phragmite

*There will be update until October*

8. **New Business:**

*All three members of the Election Board were sworn in for this year.*

*They are:*

*Jane Brown*

*Nancy McNeela*

*And*

*Brenda Desjardins*

*Thanks ladies for your service.*

9. **Discussion on Storm Damage**

*We are still in touch with officials from the Federal, State and County legislation on an ongoing basis.*

*We have been pleased so far with their efforts on our behalf. We did receive all of the scraping for DNREC at no expense to the town. We also received about ½ of the 220 bundles of beach grass free of charge from DNREC. DNREC also organized over 100 volunteers to plant the grass on a very cold and windy day.*

10. **Discussion of openly stored unauthorized autos and unauthorized sheds**

*✓ After some discussion, it was decided that if there is a complaint, we will address such complaint at that time with an appropriate response.*

11. **Adjournment**

***Motion:*** *Kathy Lock made a motion to adjourn. Bill Krause seconded it. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.*

12. **Upcoming Events**

*Next Town Council meeting - May 9<sup>th</sup> 2016*

Large Trash pick-up May 31<sup>st</sup> 2016

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Wood  
Secretary