

Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting Monday, Jan. 11, 2016

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 Mayor Harry Ward. Council members present were Bill Krause, Kathleen Lock, Bob Wood and Amy Parker. Community members in attendance are shown on the attached sign-in sheet.

2. Welcoming & Announcements

Mayor Ward thanked a smaller than normal crowd.

3. Approval of the Jan. 11, 2015 meeting agenda

Motion:** A motion was made by Kathleen Lock to approve the Jan.11 2016, meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Bill Krause. **The motion carried unanimously, 5 – 0.

4. Approval of the Dec. 14, 2015 Town meeting minutes

Motion:** A motion was made by Kathy Lock to approve the Dec.14, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Amy Parker. **The motion carried 5-0.

5. Correspondence

The Delaware Wetlands Conference will be held on Feb 3rd+ 4th

The Cape Gazette ran an article today, Jan 11th about the drainage repair to be made in several towns. The town of Slaughter Beach is one that is pointed out in the article for some drainage work that will be done near Marina Lane and Passwater Drive.

6. Reports

a) Treasurer

Kathy Lock presented the Dec 2015, Treasurer's Report, prepared by bookkeeper Jennifer Cornell. Mayor Ward referred everyone to the handout copies that were provided prior to the meeting.

Motion:** Bill Krause made a motion to approve the December 2015 Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Amy Parker seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

b) Building Enforcement Officer/ Floodplain Administrator

Mayor Ward presented the Building Enforcement/Floodplain Administrator's written report. There was little activity this month with 5.5 hours spent on

Building enforcement and Floodplain matters. There is just one small Item that remains from the 2013 CAV review involving a breakaway wall. The town, Homeowner and FEMA are working to resolve the issue.

Motion: *Kathleen Lock made a motion to approve the Dec Building Enforcement Officer/Floodplain Administrator's report. Bill Krause seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0***

c) Tax Collector Report
Angela Tibbett submitted a report as of 1/10/2016. We currently have just \$1,360.00 in taxes yet to collect for this year which ends in June 2016.

d) Town Street Committee report

i. We had received a quote and gave a verbal approval for shelling Pass water Drive, Sand Piper Drive, Marina Lane and White Gull Drive last month.

Before any work is started, we would first like to agree on the maintenance responsibilities between the town and the Delaware Launch Service.

ii. There has been some work being done on Bridgeham Avenue. Town will keep an eye on this process to make sure it will be returned to the proper condition.

iii. *MPH sign – The seal failed on one of the MPH signs. Jimmy contacted the manufacturer and they offered us a new sign @ \$1999.00 (original cost was \$2,600.00). Council decided that this*

iv. *Might be our best option and voted to purchase a new sign.*

Motion: *A motion was made by Bill Krause to approve the Sign Purchase. The motion was seconded by Kathy Lock. The motion carried, 4 –1 with any Parker voting nay.*

e) Mayoral and Council Updates

1- The breach at Fowler Beach has been completed. There looks like a little more work to be done at Prime Hook.

8. **Old Business**

a) Grants

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. It appears that this is to be funded, just waiting for the money to get to Dover.

✓ **Sea Level Rise Grant.**

The grant money was just released for 1 house from FEMA. There should be an RFP released soon for prices and awards.

✓ **Parks and REC Grant**

The design grant should be signed this week for the boardwalk and observation platform. The Delaware Nature Society will have to get funding once a design is in place.

Phragmites Grant has been approved for \$6,300.00 and was released this week e may want to conduct an outreach meeting in the early spring. We need to be proactive on this subject and the Slaughter Beach VFD is glad to offer any input we need.

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

The MOU has been approved. Just waiting for Sussex to sign and return a Copy.

c) DNREC Resiliency Grant

The grant was submitted today with the support of 35 residence and various organization a crossed the state.

New Business:

- a) *We need to formalize the town board make-ups at the next meeting. We will try to fill in any spots that we need by the next meeting. At this point, The proposed members for the 3 boards are as follows:*

*Board of Adjustments
Jimmy Dalton
Cynthia Lyons
Jim Reeves*

*Board of Elections
Jane Brown
Nancy McNella
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*Zoning Board
Bill McSpadden
Tom Reiss
Gerry Carroll*

6. **Upcoming Events**

Next Council meeting – 2-08-2016

7. **Adjournment**

***Motion:** Kathy Lock made a motion to adjourn. Bill Krause seconded it. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 PM*

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Wood
Secretary