

## **Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting Monday, Feb. 08, 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 everyone for coming and said that there was a lot on the agenda this evening.*

### **3. Approval of the Feb. 08, 2016 meeting agenda**

***Motion:** A motion was made by Kathleen Lock to approve the Feb.08 2016, meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Amy Parker. **The motion carried unanimously, 5 – 0.***

### **4. Approval of the Jan. 11, 2015 Town meeting minutes**

***Motion:** A motion was made by Amy Parker to approve the Jan 11 2016 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Kathy Lock. **The motion carried 5-0.***

### **5. Correspondence**

*We had a lot of email correspondence due to the recent nor-easter and flooding.*

### **6. Reports**

#### **a) Treasurer**

*Kathy Lock presented the Jan 2016, 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 January 2016 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. Activity was heavier than normal this month due to several houses being build and the recent nor-easter there were 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 Jan Building Enforcement Officer/Floodplain Administrator's report. Bill Krause seconded the motion. ***The motion passed unanimously, 5-0***

c) Tax Collector Report

No Change from last month.

Town Street Committee report

- i. Jimmy Dalton talked with contractor Paul Watts and Paul will start shelling Pass water Drive, Sand Piper Drive, Marina Lane and White Gull Drive next week.

Jimmy will also talk to Paul about filling several roads that were damaged by either the storm or large trucks bringing in sand to the beach. These are town owned streets that run east to the beach from Bay Ave.

8. **Old Business**

a) **Grants**

**Wastewater Management** is still in process

. This grant will fund the wastewater study which will study the process of bringing a sewer line to town.

✓ **Sea Level Rise Grant.**

No Change

## ***Phragmites Grant***

No Change

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

*We have been informed that we will receive this \$75,000.00 grant.*

*This grant is really a feather in our cap. A great job was done on this grant by both Kathy Lock and Bill McSpadden.*

### **New Business:**

- a) *We need to formalize the town board make-ups at the next meeting. At this point, The proposed members for the 4 boards are as follows:*

*Board of Adjustments*

*Jimmy Dalton*

*Cynthia Lyons*

*Jim Reeves*

*Board of Elections*

*Jane Brown*

*Nancy McNella*

*Brenda Dejarden*

*Zoning Board*

*Bill McSpadden*

*Tom Reiss*

*Gerry Carroll*

*Streets Committee*

*Jimmy Dalton  
John Lyons*

*At the next meeting we will assign the length of service for each member*

**6. *Process of tax collection***

There was discussion about setting up standard procedures for past due taxes in the future.

Currently the tax collector sends a late notice out every 90 days.

In the future, we will authorize that a demand letter be sent from the town attorney. If there is no reply to the attorney in 90 days the town may then pursue the process of a sheriff's sale.

Any current past due taxes further than the 2015 tax cycle will have a demand letter sent ASAP

Motion was made on this issue by Kathy Lock and Seconded by Amy Parker Vote - 5-0

**7. *Storm Damage***

There was also a lot of discussion on the recent storm damage.

Mayor Ward stated that the whole council agrees that the whole town is intertwined and the effects of any storm can affect different areas in different ways.

***Action to date***

There has been a lot of clean up work and still much more needs to be completed. It was discussed that we will need a least 2 large dumpsters placed in 2 locations for

hauling away the larger lumber and metal debris on the beach. We may need to hire a contractor to assist in moving the large items to the dumpsters.

There was a motion made by Amy Parker to allow \$2,000.00 dollars to have the dumpsters and clean up process started, Seconded by Kathy Lock.  
Vote was 5-0

We also plan to apply for a high tide scraping permit (DNREC) - Harry Ward

Plant Beach Grass where we can.

Look for sources for beach grass. – Bob Wood

Motion was made by Amy Parker to Authorize up to \$50,000.00 for emergency repairs to beach, seconded by Kathy Lock Vote 5-0

Look for sources to deliver additional sand, if needed. Sources to scrap current sand back to reestablish a dune line. Bob Wood

We currently have many owners who live in other areas of Delaware. We would like to contact them and ask if they could contact their local state representatives about the current situation at our beach. It may go a long way if these representatives were made aware by voters in their jurisdictions. We will supply the owners with talking points to help them formulate a dialog.

## **8 Upcoming Events**

Next Council meeting – 3-14-2016

## **9 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 9:08 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Wood  
Secretary