

**Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting  
Monday, July 10, 2017**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 6:58 PM in the upstairs meeting room of the Slaughter Beach Memorial Volunteer Fire Company by Vice Mayor Ken Lewis. Council members present were Becky Craft, Kathleen Lock, and Bob Wood. Member absent was Harry Ward. Community members in attendance are shown on the attached sign-in sheet.*

*Ken acknowledged and thanked everyone for their support.*

**3. Approval of the July 10, 2017 meeting agenda**

***Motion:** A motion was made by Kathleen lock to approve the July 10, 2017, meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Ken Lewis. **The motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.***

**4. Approval of the June 12, 2017 Town meeting minutes**

***Motion:** A motion was made by Kathleen Lock to approve the June 12, 2017 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Becky Craft. **The motion carried 4-0.***

**5. Reading of Correspondence**

*The Town received a grant application for the Sussex County \$12,500 Safety Grant. A motion was made to pursue the grant by Ken Lewis and seconded by Kathy Lock. The vote was 4-0.*

**6. Reports: A. Treasurer's Report**

*Kathy Lock presented the June 2017 Treasurer's Report, prepared by bookkeeper Jennifer Cornell. Kathy referred everyone to the handout copies that were provided prior to the meeting.*

***Motion:** Becky Kraft made a motion to approve the June 2017 Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Ken Lewis seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.***

B. Building Enforcement Officer/ Floodplain Administrator

*Vice Mayor Lewis presented the Building Enforcement/Floodplain Administrator's written report. Bob Clendaniels has reported that he worked 9.5 hours on 2 different projects this past month.*

C. Tax Collector Report

There were no changes from last month.

D. Town Street Committee

- 1) Work on Sawyer Road has been completed
- 2) Boat parked on Sussex Ave has been removed
- 3) The reality tax will go from 3% to 4% on August 1

E. Mayoral & Council updates

*There have been a few incidents of dogs wandering on the beach without the owners. Please note that dogs should always be under the owners control.*

**7. Old Business**

a) Grants

✓ **USDA Wastewater Grant**

*Kathy Lock reported that we are still waiting for a report. It should be finalized soon.*

**USDA Sewer Grant**

*Kathy Lock reported that nothing new has developed this month on this grant.*

✓ **DNREC Resiliency Grant**

*There will be a final town meeting on July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10AM to 12PM to discuss the conclusions of the project.*

*There will be representatives from:*

*DNREC*

*Memorial VFD*

*Univ. of Delaware*

*DeIDot*

*DEMA*

*And lunch will be provided.*

**Sand on the beach**

*The Port of Philadelphia (PhilaPort) is expanding the current port and putting approx.\$300 million dollars in the process. The Army Corp of Engineers has joined in the process. This new effort could be to our advantage. Council will try to monitor this process as it continues.*

**Board Walk at Marvel Ave.**

*Kathy Lock reported that we have applied for several grants to help in the funding of this project.*

**Discussion of Election Results**

Both Harry Ward and Becky Craft were elected to the council in this cycle.

Cynthia Lyons suggested that we consider suspending the Absentee Ballot process.

**Motion:** *Becky Craft made a motion to Study the Absentee Process and evaluate its use in the future. Kathy Lock seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

*Council thanks all who were involved with the election this year.*

**B.** There was discussion on the removal of crab debris on the north end of the beach last month but several residents on the north end in attendance stated that the debris was not really a factor at this point.

#### **8. Discussion and Vote on 2018 Budget.**

*Kathy Lock handed out copies of the proposed 2018 budget and explained and answered questions of those in attendance.*

**Motion:** *Ken Lewis made a motion to approve the 2018 Budget. Becky Kraft seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0*

#### **9. 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Coastal Cleanup.**

*Slaughter Beach will be hosting the kick off meeting of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Coastal Clean Up for this year on August 11<sup>th</sup> at around noon. We will keep you posted as more info becomes available.*

#### **10. Adjournment**

**Motion:** *Kathy Lock made a motion to adjourn. Becky Craft seconded it. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.*

#### **12. Upcoming Events**

Next Town Council meeting – August 14<sup>th</sup> 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Wood  
Secretary