

## **Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting Monday, June 10, 2019**

### **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 Ken Lewis. Council members present were Rebecca Craft, Kathleen Lock and Bob Wood. Community members in attendance are shown on the attached sign-in sheet.*

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

*Vice Mayor Lewis acknowledged and thanked everyone for their support.*

### **3. Approval of the May 13, 2019 meeting minutes.**

***Motion:** A motion was made by Kathleen Lock to approve the May 13, 2019 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Bob Wood. **The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.***

### **4. Approval of the June 10, 2019 meeting agenda**

***Motion:** A motion was made by Rebecca Craft to approve the February 2019 meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Ken Lewis. **The motion carried 4-0.***

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

*Correspondence was received from our audit company and needs to be signed once approved by the Council. A motion was made to accept Sombar's engagement letter for the 2019 audit by Kathleen Lock. The motion was seconded by Rebecca Craft. **The motion carried 4-0.***

### **6. Reports:**

**Treasurer Report** – A hard copy of the treasurer's reports were submitted and are attached to these minutes. Rebecca Craft made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Ken Lewis. **The motion carried, 4-0.**

**Tax Collector Report** - No report provided.

**Town Street Committee report** – No streets committee was submitted.

**Building Enforcement Officer/ Floodplain Administrator** – A hard copy of the report was provided and is attached to these minutes.

### **Mayoral & Council updates**

**SCAT** – Councilmember Wood reported that a lodging tax is being considered by the General Assembly but should not affect the Town of Slaughter Beach. Additional topics of discussion of meetings include renewable energy, electric charging stations, the banning of single use plastic bags, a clean water bill and increase in minimum wage of a bill legalizing marijuana.

**RASCL**- Kathleen Lock and Ken Lewis attended a RASCL meeting where sand on the beach was discussed. Members of the community attending the Council meeting asked questions related to the potential for beach replenishment. The maintenance dredge process and how sand from that dredge could be disposed of was outlined.

## **7. Old Business**

***Sand on the Beach*** – Discussed above. No updates provided related to ACE.

### **Grants:**

***USDA Wastewater*** – Both grants have been approved by USDA and are ready for close-out. The purpose was to ensure that, should funding become available, Slaughter Beach would be eligible for public sewer funding.

***Boardwalk***- Completion of signage and binocular repair, installation of bike racks and benches are scheduled. All work is scheduled, not the responsibility of the Town. This grant is ready to close out.

***UD Hydrology Study*** – This grant is still not funded and we are waiting on notification from DEMA. The proposal will study water flow in the marsh.

**Consultancy Update** – The Council has hired Tony Pratt as a consultant to assist the town in being more visible in the potential beach replenishment process.

## **New Business**

**Trash Collection Bids** – *The current contract ends on June 3-, 2019. Six vendors were recruited with only three vendors responding to the Request for Proposals. Based on the cost and vendor requirements, it was determined that we would continue to use the services of Republic. The new contract requires a return to Monday trash collections and residents are permitted to use their own trash receptacles. The increase in cost (across all bids received) will require the Town to increase trash collection fees to \$200 during the first year of the contract. Future increases, per the contract, will be tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and will be maxed at 3%. A motion was made by Kathleen Lock to accept the Republic bid. The motion was seconded by Ken Lewis. **The motion carried, 4-0.***

**Town Election** – *Since only two individuals filed for the election and only two positions were open, there will be no election this year.*

### **9. Open Discussion**

*A resident asked the town to intervene with Artesian Water, if possible. They are prepared to move forward with construction but have been trying to get sign-offs from Artesian for months. Their builder has been working with them but to no avail. Vice Mayor Lewis indicated that he would contact Artesian to see what the hold-up is. Once he has connected, he will get back in touch with the resident.*

*A resident asked who the Town contact would be to determine in certain signage was in compliance with Town ordinances. They were advised to contact Bob Clendaniel.*

*A question was raised as to whether the real estate sign located on personal property required commercial zoning. Based on a prior review, Kathleen Lock advised that certain activities can be done in residential-zoned properties. Real estate is considered one of the approved activities.*

*The Memorial Fire Company will be sealing the are around the bathrooms to protect the building and cinder blocks from water damage.*

**10. Adjournment** - A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rebecca Craft and was seconded by Ken Lewis to adjourn the meeting at 7: 58pm. **The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.**

*The next meeting of the Town Council will be held on July 8, 2019.*