

Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting Monday, July 8, 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 Mayor Harry Ward. Council members present were Rebecca Craft, Ken Lewis, Kathleen Lock and Bob Wood. Community members in attendance are shown on the attached sign-in sheet.

2. Council Reorganization

By vote of the council the following positions were approved:

Mayor: Harry Ward (Motion by K. Lock, seconded by R. Craft. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Mayor: Bob Wood (Motion by K. Lewis, seconded by K. Lock. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer: Kathy Lock (Motion by R. Craft, seconded by K. Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary: Rebecca Craft (Motion by K. Lock, seconded by R. Craft. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson: Ken Lewis (Motion by K. Lock, seconded by B. Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes

Motion: *A motion was made by Kathleen Lock to approve the June 1, 2019 annual meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ken Lewis. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.***

3. Approval of the June 10, 2019 meeting minutes

Motion: *A motion was made by Kathleen Lock to approve the June 10, 2019 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ken Lewis. Mayor Ward abstained from voting due to his absence from the meeting. **The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.***

4. Approval of the July 8, 2019 meeting agenda

Motion: *A motion was made by Kathy Lock to approve the July 8, 2019 meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Ken Lewis. **The motion carried unanimously 5-0.***

5. Reading of Correspondence

A Notice of Cancellation of Bond from Penn National was received, due to a change in the insurance. The new policy includes a new bond. A hard copy of said letter is attached to these minutes.

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. Pending audit. **The motion was seconded by Ken Lewis. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.***

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

Tax Collector Report – *No report was received from the Tax Collector.*

Town Street Committee report – *No streets committee was submitted for this meeting. There was a question about bids for Passwater Drive repairs. Mayor Ward will check on the availability of funds from Rep. Shupe and Sen. Wilson. If funds are available, we will move forward with the work.*

Design work for new signage on the town owned streets is being completed by DELDOT. New flashing signage is being bid out since none of the current ones are in working order.

A resident asked about whether impact fees are available to pay for damage to the streets as a result of construction. Mayor Ward advised that there are no impact fees collected.

Mayoral & Council updates

SCAT – *No report.*

RASCL- *No report.*

Miscellaneous- *No report.*

7. Old Business

Wastewater - Waiting for signoff from USDA. The Professional Engineering Report (PER) and Environmental Report (ER) has been sent and we are waiting only on signatures at this time.

Boardwalk- The benches are arriving on August 1st, Mayor Ward will coordinate the installation. The Bike Repair station is ready to be installed on Marvel. Matt Babbitt is working with the supplier of the Binoculars and hoping for repair by the end of July. The interpretive signage is in the bidding stage and expected to be complete at the end of this summer.

New Business

2020 Budget Approval -The proposed income is down by design. Property tax income is up due to the increase in trash collection fees. A conservative approach was taken to income from RTT. A discussion was held about phragmites control which should be done in August. Bids are being prepared for release soon. Community members are encouraged to take part in the contract and allow their properties to be sprayed due to potential for fire. A motion was made by Rebecca Craft to accept the new budget as written. The motion was seconded by Ken Lewis. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**

Annual Donation to the Memorial Fire Company - A motion was made by Ken Lewis to maintain the historic donation amounts of \$3000 to the fire company and \$500 to the Ladies Auxiliary. The motion was seconded by Rebecca Craft. **The motion passed anonymously, 5-0.**

9. Open Discussion

Members of the community thanked the council for the yard waste disposal program that was done this summer and asked that it be continued in the future. The total cost was for both events was approximately \$1000, which included financial support from Rep. Shupe.

The Mayor had a call from a resident about motorcycles on the beach and tracked them down to advise the riders that they are not permitted on the sand. If found, they were advised that vehicle would be towed.

A resident asked question about streetlights on the beach at the end of the access roads and how they need to be trimmed due to their proximity to transformers. Mayor Ward advised that they are on track from trimming next year.

10. Adjournment - A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kathy Lock and was seconded by Ken Lewis to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**

The next meeting of the Town Council will be held on August 12, 2019.