

Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting Monday, August 12, 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 and Bob Wood. Community members in attendance are shown on the attached sign-in sheet.

2. Welcome - No announcements

3. Approval of July 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Motion: *A motion was made by Ken Lewis to approve the July 8, 2019 annual meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Bob Wood. **The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.***

4. Approval of the August 8, 2019 meeting agenda

Motion: *A motion was made by Ken Lewis to approve the July 8, 2019 meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Rebecca Craft. **The motion carried unanimously 4-0.***

5. Reading of Correspondence

No correspondence at this time.

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, 4-0.***

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

Tax Collector Report – *\$89,816 in billings have been sent to the community, including \$1,100 in past due billings.*

Town Street Committee report – No streets committee was submitted for this meeting. It was recommended that bids be collected for Passwaters and the side streets since there is construction going on in the area at this time. MR. Dalton was asked to check on the flashing signs since both are not working at this time.

Mayoral & Council updates

SCAT – No report.

RASCL- There is a meeting scheduled which the Mayor will attend.

Miscellaneous- Bob contacted a contractor about fixing the roof of the Pavillion. Partial repair will cost about \$1,000, while complete replacement using a metal roof will cost \$7,500. Prior to committing, Bob will follow up with the contractor to ensure that the partial repair will include shingles that match the existing roof.

7. Old Business

Sand on the Beach - The Town's consultant, MR. Tony Pratt has identified 4 potential routes with the Army Corps of Engineers. Since he has a good understanding of the ACE processes, he will continue to work the process and advise the Council when we are needed to do any follow-up.

Wastewater – No report.

Boardwalk- The binocular issue is being addressed directly with the company from whom they were purchased. DNS has requested the vendor to repair but town intervention has also taken place. The interpretive signage has been completed and the bicycle repair station is ready for installation. Seating has been shipped and is expected to be completed within the month.

Hydrology Study-Email was received on the day of the council meeting from DEMA indicating that there will be a meeting scheduled related to the placement of the sensors.

New Business

CD Collatorization- *We are currently in a situation with the bank where we have more deposited than is covered by federal insurance. In the event of banking issues, we should require collaterization by the banks to secure our funds. The State Treasurers Office has approved a banking relationship where funds would be deposited among several banks while being managed by a single institution. We have had discussions with WSFS and Community Bank. A vote will be needed in September on how to proceed since the current CD comes due in September.*

Phragmite Control- *Bids are in to spray, with the winning bid at \$1656. The State historically provides a grant to cover the cost, but it has not yet been confirmed. The winning bid is from the same vendor used in the past but includes two new properties, approved by the homeowners. A motion was made by Becky Craft to approve paying for contract in the event the state does not provide funds. The motion was seconded by Bob Wood. **The motion carried unanimously 4-0.***

Ordinance Updates- *Town ordinances are outdated and being reviewed. None of the ordinances relate to building structures but rather with use and maintenance of property. The original plan was to upload only but concerns about enforcement issues arose. As a result, the town decided to have a conversation with Sussex County. Sussex County agreed to take on enforcement responsibilities if resolutions are signed by both the county and the town. The Vice Mayor and Secretary will work together to identify which areas are similar and should be covered by a relationship with Sussex County.*

9. **Open Discussion**

A community member asked a question about who determines how public dollars are spent, as it related to State contributions for sand on the beach.

A community member discussed a stranger being on his property being picked up on his RING security system. He recommended an email blast be done when things like to occur to notify other people in the community. The Mayor mentioned how the Town has security cameras located in several locations on the beach and its approaches so when things occur, we can identify who enters the beach.

10. Adjournment - A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ken Lewis and was seconded by Beck Craft to adjourn the meeting at 7:57pm. **The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.**

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