

## **Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting Monday, September 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, Kathy Lock and Bob Wood. Community members in attendance are shown on the attached sign-in sheet.*

### **2. Welcome - No announcements**

### **3. Approval of August 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** *A motion was made by Ken Lewis to approve the August 12, 2019 annual meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Bob Wood. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.***

### **4. Approval of the September 9, 2019 meeting agenda**

**Motion:** *A motion was made by Kathy Lock to approve the September 9, 2019 meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Ken. **The motion carried unanimously 5-0.***

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

*Jerry's Paving submitted a bid for snow removal with prices equal to last year.*

### **6. Reports:**

**Treasurer Report** – *A hard copy of the treasurer's reports were submitted and are attached to these minutes. There are \$500,000 in CDs with funds that are reserved. WSFS has collateralized the accounts over and above FDIC so funds were left there. 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** – the 2019 billings have gone out for a total amount of \$89,616. This included \$1083 in overdue billings. \$35,000 has been deposited.

**Town Street Committee report** – The traffic signs are no longer operational so Jimmy called Traffic Logistics and ordered a new battery. The southern signage seems to be locked so once it is repaired, it is likely another new battery will be needed. He will advise council if any additional work is needed. The cost of the battery was \$280.00

Ken advised that he is having conversations with DeIDOT regarding traffic planning ways to slow traffic on Bay Avenue. He will advise council of how conversations proceed. Members of the community expressed concern specifically about how fast commercial vehicles move through town. It was recommended that they contact the company when this happens.

### **Mayoral & Council updates**

**SCAT** – No report.

**RASCL**- Some members of council will be attending the annual conference in November.

## **7. Old Business**

**Sand on the Beach** - No report.

**Wastewater** – No report.

**Boardwalk**- The boardwalk is completed. This item should be removed from the agenda in the future.

**Hydrology Study**- UD is working on water levels and flow, a camera has been installed to photograph potential flooding. Sensors are checked on a regular basis. This process will run through October 2021.

**Tony Pratt, Consultant Update** - The council met with Tony on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Multiple areas of concern are the focus of his work. These areas include the Jetty, harbor interior, sand on the southern end of the beach and the water flow from the marsh, Cedar Beach to Broadkill Beach. He is making progress in conversations at the federal level, less so with state officials. He

*has been advised that it is cheaper to dump the sand at Buoy 10 since there is limited, if any, interest at the state level to help with the cost share. A 50-year program is being sought, the same as is held by Lewes, Rehoboth and Dewey beaches.*

**Phragmites Control** - *The contractor will be praying on Wednesday of this week, weather permitting. A question was raised about how to sign up. Notice was put in the town newsletter and also appears on the Town website. Residents were also encouraged to sign-up for the town mailing list as information about this are also sent via the list.*

**Ordinance Update** - *Enforcement strategies need to be identified and courts adjusted from Chancery to Justice of the Peace courts.*

### **New Business**

*CDs – Discussed above in Treasurers report.*

#### **9. Open Discussion**

*Coastal Clean-up will be held on Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup>.*

*The next council meeting will be held on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.*

**10. Adjournment** - *A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Becky Craft and was seconded by Kathy Lock to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.***