**Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting**

**Monday, October 12, 2020**

# 1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Mayor Harry Ward. Council members in attendance were Kathy Lock, Gary Plescia, Larry Meinert and Bob Wood.

 Community members in attendance are shown on the attached sign-in sheet.

Harry acknowledged and thanked everyone for their support.

# 2. Approval of the October 12, 2020 meeting agenda

**Motion:** A motion was made by Larry Meinert to approve the October 12th, 2020 meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Gary Plescia.

**The motion carried unanimously, 5 – 0.**

# 3. Approval of the September 14, 2020 Town meeting minutes

**Motion:** A motion was made by Larry Meinert to approve the September 14, 2020 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Kathy Lock.

 **The motion carried 5-0.**

 **4 Correspondence**

 We received a letter from Sussex County about the Sussex County Community Development Block Grant application. We have received this letter in previous years and have found the program due to certain restrictions isn’t something that we could conform with.

**5. Reports:**

1 Treasurer’s Report

a. Prepared by Bookkeeper Jennifer Cornell, Gary referred everyone to the spreadsheets that were available during the meeting.

**Motion:** Kathy Lock made a motion to approve the October 2020 Treasurer’s Report subject to audit. Larry Meinart seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously,5-0**.

* 1. Building Enforcement Officer/ Floodplain Administrator

Kathy gave the report and said that Bob Clendaniel had worked 15 hours this month. It included 1 new building permit.

* 1. Tax Collector Report

 Gary updated the current tax collection season and stated that so far, we have collected approx. 92 % of the taxes due.

 d Town Street Committee

Jimmy Dalton reported that the speed humps are installed

 All of the access roads signs were also installed.

 We might be given a few more “off the dunes” by the state.

 e Mayoral & Council updates

Due to the COVID 19 Virus SCAT and RASCL meetings have been cancelled**.**

1. **Old Business**

A Sand on the beach

 We discussed a Zoom meeting with Tony Pratt. He has been in closed contact with a few people at UD.

The Nature Conservancy has expressed interest in a project or joining our current project along the Mispillion River.

The USACE is in the process of revising their section 101 provisions.

 B UD Marsh Study Grant

 UD Hydrologist, Tom Mckenna, has been working in town. The project has slowed and both DEMA and DNREC have asked us to talk with Tom to try to complete the project by years end. Larry has offered to work with Tom on achieving this goal.

C NFWS and Pew grants

.

 NFWS have commented and asked several questions on our proposal.

 Pew has begun work on their economic part of the study.

D Sea Grant

 We have applied for a grant that would study the water resources and maybe look at oyster farming in the area. This grant also could be part of the larger NFWS grant study.

 E. 5k update

 The 5k will now take place on May 2nd 2021 at 9:00 AM

1. **New Business**

1 458 Bay Ave Demolition order

 This house is in total disrepair. We are moving to issue a Condemnation and Demo order.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Kathy Lock to Issue a Condemnation and Demo order for this property. The motion was seconded by Larry Meinart.

 **The motion carried 5-0.**

1. 223 Bay Av

 This house is in total disrepair due to fire. We are moving to issue a Condemnation and Demo order.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Kathy Lock to Issue a condemnation and Demo order for this property. The motion was seconded by Larry Meinart.

 **The motion carried 5-0**

1. Naming of beach plum access path tabled until next month.

**4** Property owner’s databases

 Please forward this info to any council member or town clerk if you have not already done so. Please also forward any changes you have made recently.

5 Phragmites

 Spraying has been completed for this year. Council met with DNREC Manager and will set up meeting with him, Primehook Manager and Marvel Manager to try to coordinated next year’s treatment.

1. Town Office Update

Paint has been purchased, furniture set up and we purchased a new copier.

1. Public Parking, Public Meeting Permit and IRC& IBC code.

We received drafts of the 4 ordinances and will review.

1. **Open Forum**

 Several political signs were damaged or destroyed in town in the last few weeks. Mayor Ward discussed the efforts he made in reference to stopping these occurrences in the future. He further felt, in his opinion, that the rest of the council didn’t participate in the effort to his satisfaction. Mayor Ward than resigned from office.

**10. Adjournment**

**Motion:** Kathy Lock made a motion to adjourn. Gary Plescia seconded it. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

**11. Upcoming Events**

Next Town Council meeting – Nov 9th 2020 7:PM

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Wood

Secretary