**Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting**

**Monday, February 8, 2021**

1. **Call meeting to order**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00pm by Kathleen Lock, Mayor. Council members in attendance were Gary Plescia, Bob Wood, Ivan Lanier and Larry Meinert. Due to the Governor’s mandate because of the Covid-19 virus, the meeting was held via Zoom.

Community members in attendance are shown on the attached electronic sign-in sheet and the Mayor acknowledged and thanked everyone for their attendance and support.

1. **Approval of the February 8, 2021, Town Meeting agenda**.

**Motion**:A motion was made by Larry Meinert and seconded by Bob Wood to approve the February 8, 2021 meeting Agenda. **The motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

1. **Approval of the January 11, 2021, Town Meeting minutes**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Larry Meinert and seconded by Bob Wood to approve the January 11, 2021 Town Meeting Minutes. **The motion carried unanimously 5-0**.

1. **Correspondence and an update on Beach Replenishment.**

There was no correspondence to discuss at this time.

The Mayor suggested combining beach replenishment with emergency beach repairs to abate severe damage done by the January 31st to February 2nd Nor-Easter. This would require an expense of $75,000 from the Towns reserve funds, noting that DNREC would be contributing substantial administrative oversight and in-kind contributions to the project. Treasurer Gary Plescia suggested we take time to review the bulkhead approach used by several New Jersey communities. Consultant Tony Pratt explained the environmental differences between the two applications, leaning toward adding sand to the beach. An estimated start date would be mid-March with an anticipated completion date sometime in April before the beach grass planting begins.

**Motion**: A motion was made by Bob Wood and seconded by Larry Meinert to approve emergency funds spending on beach replenishment.

**The motion carried by a vote of 4-1** with Gary Plescia voting against.

1. **Reports**
   1. Treasurer submitted his report and there were no questions.
   2. Building Enforcement Officer/Floodplain Administrator – Bob Wood reviewed Bob Clendaniel’s latest work report, there were no questions.
   3. Tax Collector Report was available from Angela Tibbett and no questions were made to Gary Plescia.
   4. Town Street Committee Report – James Dalton, no updates/changes.
   5. Mayoral and Council updates – Bob Wood will register for several upcoming RASCL, SCAT, meetings.
2. **Old Business:**
   1. Sand on the Beach – a resident from Marina Drive brought up concerns about the detritus on the beach in their section of town. The Mayor explained the steps being taken by the Army Corps of Engineers, the Town’s pursuit of a study for what can be done, and the costs associated to the Town.
   2. Grants
      1. University of Delaware hydrology study funded by DEMA
      2. Update on NFWS grant
      3. Update on Pew Charitable Trusts grant
      4. University of Delaware SeaGrant grant
      5. Update on Delaware Bayshore Initiative grant
      6. Update on DNREC’s Section 319 grant
   3. Discussion on public parking, public meeting permit and IRC & IBC code (2012) Ordinances (moved to end).
   4. Demolition of 458 Bay Avenue is scheduled for March 24, 2021
   5. Demolition of 223 Bay Avenue is scheduled for this week.
   6. Discussion of 5G wireless is ongoing.
   7. The Mayor and Tony Platt briefed all on the continuing conversations with local and State decision makers advocating for matching State funding for beach replenishment
   8. A thank you and request for participation has been sent to all three Board of Elections volunteers from 2020. An update will be provided at the March meeting.
3. **New Business** 
   1. Phragmites control and the potential for a marsh burn are still being discussed with various groups in the area.
   2. Discussion of 5k Run from the Greenheads scheduled for May 2, 2021, and will be re-scheduled for an as-yet to be determined date in the Fall.
4. **Upcoming events**
   1. Town Council meeting – March 8, 7:00 PM (via Zoom)
   2. Voting on Ordinances 21-01, 21-02, 21-03 and 21-04 will be held at this event. The Ordinances will be on the Town website for all to review, and postings for this meeting and Ordinance Review will be sent via email as well as posted at the Firehouse, allowing the required twenty (20) day preview.
5. **Open Forum discussion**
6. **Adjournment**

Motion was made by Bob Wood to adjourn and was seconded by Gary Plescia at approximately 9:30pm.

**Motion passed unanimously, 5-0**

Prepared by: Kathleen Lock, Mayor

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