



Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting Monday, June 9, 2025

1. The Regular Town Council Meeting Called to Order:

Mayor Harry Ward called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Council members in attendance were Joanne Plescia and Jamie Draper with Ben Monastero and Bob Wood online. Community members in attendance are on the attached sheets.

2. Approval of May 12, 2025, Town Council Meeting Minutes:

A **Motion** was made by Joanne Plescia to approve May 12, 2025, Town Council Meeting Minutes and seconded by Jamie Draper.

The **Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.**

3. Approval of June 9, 2025, Town Council Meeting Agenda:

A **Motion** was made by Jamie Draper to approve June 9, 2025, Town Council Meeting Agenda and seconded by Joanne Plescia.

The **Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.**

4. Welcome and Announcements:

Harry Ward advised that he attended a meeting earlier in the day with Sussex County Mayor's and Governor Matt Meyer expressing his willingness to work with Sussex County Mayors.

5. Reports:

a. Memorial Fire Company –

Robert Wechtenhiser reported that the fire company had two alarms and 23 ambulance runs. The burn ban is in effect until September 30th; and the Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a chicken salad fundraiser on July 5th here at the firehall from 11am – 3pm, preorders only. Call or text 302 382 2366, check or cash payment at the door.

Chief Kent Glasco advised they are working to get more involvement from their current membership and in response to a report that has been published about their finances, they are preparing a written response, however, they wanted to assure the public that finances are under control and they are working to correct what was brought forward.

b. Tony Pratt/Beach Replenishment/USACE Section 1-11 Study –

Tony advised there is not much to report other than the Draft Partnership Agreement from the USACE (US Army Corps of Engineers) is in the hands of DNREC (Delaware Natural Resources and Environmental Control) and the state Attorney General's office for review.



The work started under Secretary Garvin on Geotech engineering for planning purposes has not been made available.

- c. **Treasurer's Report** – Joanne Plescia reported on the General Ledger, Grants, Profit & Loss Actual and Restricted as well Tax Collection to-date.

A **Motion** was made to approve the Treasurer's Reports pending audit or review by Jamie Draper and seconded by Harry Ward.

The **Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**

- d. **Budget FY2026** – Harry Ward advised that the Budget for FY2026 could not be finalized until we confirmed we could use numbers from FY2025 for taxes. This is done and the work has continued; we expect to have a budget to vote on at the July meeting.

- e. **Building Inspector's Report** – Ben Monastero read Bob Clendaniel's monthly report (copy attached). For any work at your house, please contact Bob Clendaniel. Permits are not unreasonably expensive and while most work won't require a permit, it's best to have a record should our town ever have an emergency and need assistance from DEMA (Delaware Emergency Management Agency).

6. Mayor & Town Council Updates:

- a. **SCAT (Sussex County Association of Towns)** – Bob Wood stated that the last meeting was very informative including bills pending in the house relating to energy, windfarms, affordable housing. All interesting but nothing that directly affects us so far.
- b. **DLLG (Delaware League of Local Governments)** – We did not attend.

7. Old Business:

a. Grants and On-Going Projects:

- **ARPA/Park (American Rescue Plan Act)** – Joanne Plescia advised this grant is closed and all money has been allocated/spent.
- **MSA/DOT Thriving Communities** (Main Street America/Department of Transportation) – Julia advised this grant has been completed. There is a rather large file that we will try to put on the website, but if it doesn't fit and you want a copy, please contact townmanager@slaughterbeachde.com.
- **Cybersecurity/Computers** – Jamie Draper advised that we have signed an agreement with a company to help us set up a Cybersecurity Plan, which was part of the grant requirement. Once completed, we will be able to search out other grants to purchase the equipment needed.
- **FEMA/CAV (Federal Emergency Management Agency/Community Assistance Visit)** Harry Ward advised our next meeting is mid-July.



- b. **Sewers** – Harry advised we have invited Hans Medlarz to our August meeting to provide an update.

8. New Business:

- i. **ELECTION** – The Town will have an election, July 5th from 8am to noon at the firehall engine bay – 359 Bay Avenue. Three candidates are vying for two open seats currently held by Jamie Draper and Harry Ward.
For an Absentee Ballot, contact our Town Clerk, Kathy McFadden at townclerk@slaughterbeachde.com.
- ii. **Ladies Auxiliary** for the Memorial Volunteer Fire Company is having a fundraiser on July 5th from 11am to 3pm selling chicken salad, macaroni salad and marinated carrots – preorders only, pay at the door; Call 302 382 2366 to place your order.

9. Upcoming Events:

- June 11 – Bookmobile 12:45-2:45pm firehall parking lot
- June 28 – roll off dumpster for yard waste only – NO PLASTIC
- July 2 – Bookmobile 12:45-2:45pm firehall parking lot
- July 4 – Slaughter Beach Sail Club Regatta, midday off No Delaware Ave
- July 5 – Election 8am to noon, engine bay at 359 Bay Avenue
- July 5 – Ladies Auxiliary fundraiser, 11am to 3pm, 359 Bay Ave, preorder only! Call 302 382 2366 to place an order; pay at the door
- July 14 – Town Council Meeting 7pm at the firehall and on zoom
- July 23 – Bookmobile 12:45-2:45pm firehall parking lot
- August 2nd – Annual Memorial Fire Company Crab Feast fundraiser

10. Open Forum

11. Adjournment:

A **Motion** was made by Joanne Plescia and seconded by Jamie Draper to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm.

Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.