

MINUTES of the REGULAR
ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
February 9, 2021 @ 7:00PM
OCEAN VIEW, DE 19970

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Reddington called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Present: Council Members Tom Maly, Frank Twardzik, Bert Reynolds, and Bruce White. Town Manager Carol Houck, Finance Director Dawn Parks, Police Chief Ken McLaughlin, Planning & Development Director Ken Cimino, Town Solicitor Dennis Schrader, and Town Clerk Donna Schwartz were also present.

2. **ADOPTION of Agenda**

A motion was made by Council Member Reynolds, seconded by Council Member Maly, to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

3. **APPROVAL of the Town Council Minutes**

A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Reynolds, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 12, 2021. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Presentation of “2020 At A Glance” Reports

Council Member White questioned Chief McLaughlin about how long they must keep evidence. Chief McLaughlin responded indefinitely, depends on case.

5. **REPORTS**

A. **Financial (Dawn Parks)**

Report received and filed.

B. **Public Safety (Ken McLaughlin)**

Report received and filed.

C. **Planning, Zoning and Development (Ken Cimino)**

Report received and filed.

Council Member Reynolds asked if we are still holding the builder’s bond for Fairway Village. Mr. Cimino replied that we are still holding the bond.

D. **Town Manager (Carol Houck)**

Report received and filed.

E. **Town Council**

6. **CITIZEN’S PRIVILEGE ON AGENDA ITEMS** - None

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Introduction of Ordinance(s) –**

Council Member Reynolds introduced an ordinance relating to dog excreta.

B. **Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on the creation of a Charter Review Committee.**

Mrs. Houck suggested asking former Mayor Walt Curran, along with Dennis Schrader, Dawn Parks, and Donna Schwartz. She also suggested changing the ten-year review requirement to as-needed.

A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Reynolds, to nominate Walt Curran and Tom Maly to the Charter Committee. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

C. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Voting on future changes to website, TV channel and the new .gov web address.

Mrs. Houck explained the new features of communication that are in the works. The Council was in agreement for moving forward with the changes.

D. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on Input Memo for Draft 2 of FY22 Budget. Items discussed:

- Change to \$1,000 or less for no-cost building permits;
- 2-cent per hundred tax increases;
- Wage increases to 3.3%;
- Seed money for beach shuttle moved to FY23;
- Continue to work with DelDOT about real estate;
- ADA access sidewalk for Historic Society, Mayor Reddington suggested reducing our cost if possible. Mr. Schrader commented to list the cost as an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

E. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on payout of vacation time not taken due to COVID-19.

Mrs. Houck explained her recommendation for the payout of excess vacation pay to three individuals in the Police Dept affected by COVID-19 pandemic.

A motion was made by Council Member Maly, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to approve the recommendation for the payout of vacation time. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

F. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Voting on continuation of Mutual Assistance Agreement with the Town of South Bethany.

Chief McLaughlin stated that both Towns are pleased with the agreement and suggested a modification of the agreement to five-years. Council Member Reynolds also suggested asking Fenwick Island to reconsider joining. Chief McLaughlin replied the offer is on the table.

A motion was made by Council Member Reynolds, seconded by Council Member Twardzik to continue the Mutual Assistance Agreement. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

8. CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE - None

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Maly, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna M. Schwartz, CMC
Town Clerk