

MINUTES of the REGULAR
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
32 WEST AVENUE
June 14, 2022 @ 7:00PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Present: Council Members Colleen Twardzik, Don Walsh, Tom Maly, and Steve Cobb. Town Manager Carol Houck, Police Chief Ken McLaughlin, Finance Director Dawn Parks, Planning, Zoning & Development Director Ken Cimino, Town Solicitor Dennis Schrader and Veronica Faust, and Town Clerk Donna Schwartz were also present. Russ Carter was present to videotape the meeting for YouTube.

Town Solicitor Dennis Schrader read the rules of the meeting to the assembled crowd.

2. PUBLIC HEARING

A. First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing into the Town Limits of the Town of Ocean View of 27.852 acres, more or less, being the lands of DRB Group Eastern Shore LLC.

Mr. Schrader read the annexation notice and the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Cimino read his letter of recommendation in the Annexation binder packet.

Mr. John Ciaverra, of DRB, was present and offered a concept plan and an overview of the project to Council. Mr. Ciaverra noted that the following, Tidewater Utilities, Sussex County Sewer, Delmarva Power, MVFC and OVPD were all onboard with the project. Mr. Cimino stated he heard from the Office of State Planning, and he expected a letter that recommended approval this week.

- Mr. Chris Bason, 15 Mitchell Street, who drafted an email to Council said he was in support of the project if the density was lower to R-1.
- Mr. Rob White, 32627 Bella Via Ct, opposes the density of R-3 and is concerned about the stormwater management.
- Ms. April Avato, 32625 Bella Via Ct, stated she was concerned about the density of the R-3 designation.
- Mr. Bill Olsen, 17 Elliott, noted that a voting district must be added to the annexation document.
- Mr. Jack Blush, 37492 Bella Via Way, noted he was concerned about the infrastructure and density.
- Mr. Steve Schwalb, 37484 Venezia Ct, said he was concerned about Woodland Avenue and the blind curves.
- Mr. Bill Bongiorno, 32623 Bella Via Ct, said he was concerned about the density, roadway, and other considerations.
- Mr. Dean Mitchell, 7 Mitchell Avenue, he felt the annexation would be a good addition to the town, however he is concerned with the safety of the roadway.

- Mr. Steve Tollefsen, 37519 Bella Via Way, stated he was concerned with the density of R-3 for townhouses and multi family.
- Mr. Tevy Schlafman, 32880 Tivoli Ct, said he was concerned with Woodland Avenue and wanted to know if a traffic study has been done.
- Ms. Claudia Blush, 37492 Bella Via Way, stated concern with mailboxes and the post office being overwhelmed.
- Mr. Ray Sweet, 37485 Bella Via, said he wants to see bike lanes on Woodland.

Mr. Schrader closed the public hearing.

3. **ADOPTION** of Agenda

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

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

A motion was made by Council Member Maly, seconded by Council Member Walsh, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 12, 2022. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

A motion was made by Council Member Cobb, seconded by Council Member Walsh, to approve the reorganization minutes of April 26, 2022. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Mayor Reddington read a resignation letter from Dennis Schrader.

6. **REPORTS**

A. **Financial (Dawn Parks)**

Report received and filed.

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

Report received and filed.

Council Member Cobb stated he is concerned about the recent school shootings and asked if we had the manpower to support an active shooter event. Chief McLaughlin said manpower was a problem and would like to see a school resource officer in place. Council Member Maly asked if there was an armed official at the school. Chief McLaughlin replied yes, they have an armed constable daily. He said more conversation was needed with the school district to see what can be done.

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

Report received and filed.

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

Report received and filed.

E. **MVFC Report** – report received and filed.

7. **CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE ON AGENDA ITEMS** - none

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Introduction of Ordinance(s)

- *Council Member Maly introduced an ordinance amending and restating the annual budget for FY22.*
- *Council Member Maly introduced an ordinance amending and restating the capital budget for years 22 – 26.*
- *Council Member Maly introduced an ordinance amending Chapter 13, Article II, of the Ocean View Code relating to the description of election voting districts within the boundaries of the Town of Ocean View.*

B. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on Expansion of the Town's Access Control System to 32 West Avenue.

Mrs. Houck explained to Council the need for expansion of the Town's access control system to 32 West Avenue for a cost of \$29,325 with Advantech.

A motion was made by Council Member Maly, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to approve the access system with Advantech for 32 West Avenue. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

C. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on recommendation to approve increasing funding for Country Village/Country Estates Drainage Project.

Mr. Cimino explained the need for the additional funding to Council saying he needs \$218,664 more dollars to complete phase II of the project.

A motion was made by Council Member Cobb, seconded by Council Member Maly to approve the additional funding of \$218,664. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

D. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on recommendation to approve the Country Village/Country Estates Drainage Project.

Mr. Cimino asked Council to award a contract for the Country Village/Country Estates Drainage Project for \$512,745.48 to George & Lynch Inc.

A motion was made by Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Maly to award the Country Village/Country Estates drainage project to George & Lynch Inc for \$512,745.48. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

9. CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE

Mr. Bill Olsen, Elliott Avenue, questioned if the Millville Volunteer Fire report was given.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Maly, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna M. Schwartz, CMC,
Town Clerk