

**MINUTES of the REGULAR
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
32 WEST AVENUE
April 14, 2026 @ 3:00PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Reddington called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with the **Pledge of Allegiance**.
Present: Council Members Jay Tyminski, Colleen Twardzik, John Planchart, and Don Walsh.,
Town Manager Carol Houck, Finance Director Dawn Parks, Police Chief Ken McLaughlin,
Planning, Zoning & Development Director Ken Cimino, Public Works Facility Manager Matthew
Martin, Town Solicitor Tanner Jameson was on Zoom, and Town Clerk Donna Schwartz.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Voting on a First Reading of an Ordinance Establishing the Annual Operations Budget for Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2027.

B. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Voting on a First Reading of an Ordinance Establishing the Revision of the Capital Expenditures Budget for Fiscal years April 30, 2027 – 2031.

Town Manager Carol Houck offered an overview of the two ordinances and then the discussion was opened to the public for comment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

PUBLIC CLOSED.

A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Tyminski, to approve the budget ordinance. Th motion carried unanimously 5/0.

A motion was made by Council Member Tyminski, seconded by Council Member Walsh, to approve the revision of the capital expenditures budget Apri 2027-2031. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

C. First Reading of an Ordinance to Adopt New Chapter 16 of the Town of Ocean View Code to Establish a Tax Rate Stabilization Trust Fund.

Town Manager Houck explains the recommendation, adding that she was taking a more conservative approach, with changes indicated by yellow highlighting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

PUBLIC CLOSED.

3. ADOPTION of Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to adopt the agenda. The motion passed unanimously 5/0.

4. APPROVAL of the Town Council Minutes

A motion was made by Council Member Planchart, seconded by Council Member Walsh, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting, held on March 10, 2026. The motion passed unanimously 5/0.

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Post Office Update:** Town Manager Houck reported an update about the Ocean View Post Office, saying they expect the Post Office to reopen in the fall.
- B. Follow-up to Candidates Night:**
Mrs. Houck reported on the following items as a follow-up to the Candidates Night held on March 30, 2026. She said that the comments made by the candidates do not reflect the position of the Town of Ocean View, Mrs. Houck listed the following items for clarification: tax rate, flooding, communication, grants, gross rental tax, transit issues, and permit revenue.
- C. Statement from Mayor Reddington:** He stated it was an honor to serve as Mayor the past six years to the safest town in Delaware, and he will miss the daily interactions with staff.

6. REPORTS

- A. Financial (Dawn Parks)**
Report received and filed.
- B. Public Safety (Chief McLaughlin)**
Report received and filed.
- C. Planning, Zoning and Development (Ken Cimino)**
Report received and filed.
- D. Town Manager (Carol Houck)**
Report received and filed.
- E. Public Works (Martin)**
Report received and filed.
- F. MVFC Report (Mayor Reddington)**
Report received and filed.

7. CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE ON AGENDA ITEMS –

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Introduction of Ordinance(s) – none:**
- B. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on a Resolution to Support a Charter Change Amendment, Council person filing deadline change.**
Town Manager Houck explained this resolution which will change the charter, making the time to a person must register for running as Council Member to 45 days in advance of the election, after Delaware Legislative approval.
A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Planchart to approve the resolution changing the date to file to 45 days ahead of the election like for mayor. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

C. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting to Approve the FY27 Fee Schedule Resolution.

Ms. Parks explained the FY27 Fee Schedule, noting some of the changes made in the fee schedule.

A motion was made by Council Member Tyminski, seconded by Council Member Planchart, to approve the FY27 Fee Schedule resolution. The motion passed unanimously 5/0.

D. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Voting on a Recommendation of Approval of OVPZ&D 26-06 Oakland Parking Facility.

Mr. Cimino reported that Adel Construction was the winning bidder for \$223,000, for the Oakwood Parking Facility.

A motion was made by Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Tyminski, to approve the recommendation to award Adel Construction the job of Oakland parking facility. The motion passed unanimously 5/0.

E. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Voting on a Recommendation of Approval of OVPZD 26-10 Municipal Maintenance Services Contract.

Mr. Cimino noted that Adel Construction and Caliber Construction were the bid winners.

A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Walsh, to award Adel and Caliber Construction the Municipal Maintenance Contract. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

9 CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE - none

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Council Member Tyminski, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to leave the regular meeting and open an executive session at 3:53pm. The motion was carried unanimously 5/0.

A motion was made by Council Member Tyminski, seconded by Council Member Planchart, to exit executive session and return to regular session at 4:30pm. The motion was carried unanimously 5/0.

Mr. Walsh stated the Council took the following action for the Town Manager to move forward with a potential land purchase. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Walsh, to adjourn the meeting at 4:35pm. The motion was carried unanimously 5/0.

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