

MINUTES of the REGULAR
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
32 WEST AVENUE
March 14, 2023 @ 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 Colleen Twardzik, Don Walsh, Tom Maly, and Steve Cobb by ZOOM., Police Chief Ken McLaughlin, Finance Director Dawn Parks, Planning, Zoning & Development Director Ken Cimino, Town Manager Carol Houck, Town Solicitor Veronica Faust, and Town Clerk Donna Schwartz were also present.

Town Solicitor Veronica Faust read the meeting rules to those present.

2. ADOPTION of Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member Walsh, 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 Walsh, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 14, 2023. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Cobb, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on February 17, 2023. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

A motion was made by Council Member Maly, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to approve the minutes of the Workshop held on February 28, 2023. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

4. COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Chief Walter Johnson of the Millville Volunteer Fire Company was present and spoke to Council about an increase in the annual subscription ambulance fee from \$35 to \$50 a year. The regular subscription service will be \$75. Chief Johnson also noted that the current subscription service expires in 2023.

Chief Johnson also read a letter from the MVFC that accompanied their annual grant request.

5. 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. **MVFC Report (Mayor Reddington)**
Report received and filed.

6. **CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Mrs. Bette Meredith spoke to Council saying she was happy to be here.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Introduction of Ordinance(s)**
 - 1. Council Member Maly introduced an Ordinance Establishing the Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year ending April 30,2024.
 - 2. Council Member Maly introduced an Ordinance Establishing the Revision of the Capital Expenditures Budget for Fiscal Years April 30, 2024 – 2028.
- B. **Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on the appointment of Gayle Driver to the Board of Election Commission. Term expires 2025. (Schwartz)**
A motion was made by Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Twardzik to approve Gayle Driver's appointment to the Board of Election. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.
- C. **Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on the appointment of Bette Meredith to the Board of Election Commission. Term expires 2025. (Schwartz)**
A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Walsh, to approve Bette Meredith to the Board of Elections. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.
- D. **Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on Annual Grant Request from the Emergency Services Enhancement Fund for the Millville Volunteer Fire Company. (Houck)**
A motion was made by Council Member Cobb, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to approve the grant request to the Millville Volunteer Fire Company. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

8. **CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE**

Mrs. Bette Meredith questioned the installation of natural gas in Ocean View. She wants it in Country Village.

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Council Member Maly, seconded by Council Member Twardzik to go into Executive Session at 3.59pm. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

A motion was made by Council Member Maly, seconded by Council Member Walsh, to end the Executive Session at 4:48pm.

No action was taken.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to adjourn the meeting at 4:49pm. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

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