

MINUTES of the REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

**February 9, 2016 @ 7:00 PM
32 WEST AVENUE
OCEAN VIEW, DELAWARE 19970**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Present: Council Members Carol Bodine, Bill Olsen, and Geoff Christ; Town Manager Dianne Vogel, Town Administrative Official Charles McMullen, Finance Director Lee Brubaker, Chief Kenneth McLaughlin, Town Clerk Donna Schwartz and Town Solicitor Dennis Schrader.

2. PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Curran introduced a First Reading of an Ordinance repealing Ocean View Code §210-10.1 and §210-11, and substituting in lieu thereof a new §210-11 entitled Stopping, Standing, Parking. Town Council reviewed changes to §210-10.1 and §210-11 of the Town Code. No discussion or comments were made from the Town Council or the public.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Bodine, seconded by Council Member Christ, to adopt the agenda. The motion carried unanimously 4/0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Olsen, seconded by Council Member Christ, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 12, 2016. The motion carried unanimously 4/0.

A motion was made by Council Member Bodine, seconded by Council Member Olsen, to approve the minutes of the workshop meeting held on January 23, 2016. The motion carried unanimously 4/0.

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A.** Memorial Presentation by Representative Ron Gray, Delaware House of Representatives, to Mrs. Patricia Sheeran, widow of Council Member Thomas Sheeran. Mr. Gray read the memorial and presented the tribute to Mrs. Sheeran.

6. REPORTS

A. Financial (Lee Brubaker)

Report received and filed.

B. Public Safety Report (Chief Ken McLaughlin)

Report received and filed.

C. Town Administrative Official's and Public Works Department Report (Charles McMullen)

Report received and filed.

D. Town Manager's Report (Dianne Vogel)

Report received and filed.

E. Council Members – none

7. **CITIZENS' PRIVILEGE ON THE PREPUBLISHED AGENDA** – None

8. **OLD BUSINESS** –

A. Consideration, Discussion, and Possible Voting on a Mandatory Discount Community- wide Ambulance Subscription Program for the Town of Ocean View.

Mayor Curran stated he wanted to clarify that the ambulance fee program was not an insurance program. He stated as the Town continues to grow and people continue to age that ambulance service has become very important to the area. He sees this concern for the Millville Volunteer Fire Company as a valid issue, and would like to see the Town of Millville adopt the program as well. Although the lack of participation by the unincorporated areas in the fire district is unfair, the Town has the authority to agree to participate. Mayor Curran said we have to be proactive, and try and maintain the response time for our future. The draft agreement will be looked at by Mr. Schrader and amended if needed. Mayor Curran said, in his opinion, he does not want to see the Town on the hook for non-payment of any fees and agreed with MVFC that only the owner of the property, and their family and/or employees, would be covered by the fee, not visitors or patrons to the property. He also said there should be no exempt status for schools and churches, and fees would not be assessed for unimproved lots.

Council Member Bodine said she has spoken to County Council Member George Cole regarding the problem and he is aware of the need for the ambulance fee. He told her that the County Council has a plan but it must go through Dover first and that could take years. Council Member Christ said he agrees with Mayor Curran that fairness is important, but most importantly there is a need for the service. He would also like to see what Millville does. Council Member Olsen was also in agreement with the Mayor. Mayor Curran summarized the conversation by saying it is a vital service, critical to the community, and suggested the Town move forward if Millville goes forward. At that point Chief Scott, of MVFC, informed Council that Millville had just voted to move forward with the ambulance fee program.

A motion was made by Council Member Christ, seconded by Council Member Bodine, to move forward in the direction of approving an ambulance fee program. The motion carried unanimously 4/0.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Introduction of Ordinance(s) – none were introduced

B. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on Approval of Street Names for the Tidewaters Subdivision. (TAO Charles McMullen)

A motion was made by Council Member Christ, seconded by Council Member Bodine, to approve the street names for the Tidewaters subdivision. The motion carried unanimously 4/0.

C. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on an Updated FOIA Policy, Resolution #15-7 (Town Manager Dianne Vogel)

A motion was made by Mayor Curran, seconded by Council Member Christ, to approve Resolution #15-7, an updated FOIA Policy. The motion carried unanimously 4/0.

D. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on a Rules of Conduct Policy (Town Manager Dianne Vogel)

No action was taken on this agenda item.

E. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on FY17 Proposed Budget (Town Manager Dianne Vogel)

Town Manager Vogel read her memo updating Council on the changes in Draft #2 of the proposed FY17 Budget. She reminded Council that the FY17 Draft #2 would be discussed at the Workshop scheduled for February 23 at 6:00pm. Mayor Curran recommended the Police Chief move forward with plans to get a recruit into the March 2016 training program. Both Council Member Christ and Bodine agreed with him that the additional officer was needed as soon as possible.

10. CITIZENS' PRIVILEGE

John Ault, 4 October Glory Avenue - spoke about the "no parking" signs which he said were placed in front of his home. He wants them removed...immediately. Mayor Curran explained to him that the Bear Trap Home Owners Association asked the Town to enforce the "no parking" area at that location because it is a high traffic area and it is too congested. Mayor Curran said the Town owns the streets and enforces the laws. Mr. Alt asked what gave the Town this authority. Mr. Schrader replied Town Code Chapter 210.

Donnan Palmer, 5 Jordyn Court - informed Town Council that the Home Owners Association is now responsible for the subdivision and they would like the street turned over to the Town. Mr. McMullen replied to Mr. Palmer that Mr. Aciri, the builder of the subdivision, needs to deed the street over to the Town. Mr. McMullen will contact Mr. Palmer regarding the process.

Patricia Supik, 13 William Avenue - spoke regarding the fire siren. She stated she was very happy with the change in hours, however, still considered it unnecessary in this electronic day and age. She would like to see the siren used only as emergency back-up. Mrs. Supik suggested Council appoint a task force to work with the Fire Department to look in to eliminating the siren. Mayor Curran said he thought this was a wonderful idea and will get in touch with her for a better solution.

Sue Ault, 4 October Glory Avenue - suggested seasonal parking restrictions in lieu of "no parking signs." She stated that the problem is really only during the summer months and felt that something could be worked out.

Ann Scolari, 5 Wade-Winn Street - asked if new police recruits were asked to sign any kind of an agreement to stay a certain amount of time when hired. Chief McLaughlin replied the recruits are not asked to sign an agreement and are not obligated to stay any required amount of time in Ocean View.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Christ, seconded by Council Member Bodine, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. The motion carried unanimously 4/0.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna M. Schwartz, Town Clerk