

MINUTES of the REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

May 10, 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 Bill Olsen and Frank Twardzik; Town Manager Dianne Vogel, Town Administrative Official Charles McMullen, Finance Director Lee Brubaker, PFC Nick Harrington, Town Clerk Donna Schwartz and Town Solicitor Dennis Schrader. Council Members Tom Maly and Carol Bodine were not in attendance.

2. PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Curran postponed a second reading of an Ordinance allowing Microbreweries and Brewpubs until a later date.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor Curran asked to amend the agenda to allow the Public Safety Department to give their report following adoption of the agenda. A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Olsen, to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously 3/0.

4. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

PFC Nick Harrington was present for Chief McLaughlin. He introduced the Town's two new patrol officers, Troy Bowden and AnnMarie Dalton to the Council. Following the introductions he read the department's report for the month of April.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Olsen, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 12, 2016. The motion carried unanimously 3/0.

A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Olsen, to approve the minutes of the reorganization meeting held on April 26, 2016. The motion carried unanimously 3/0.

6. COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Mayor Curran read the Dunes Pink Classic Proclamation.
- B. Mayor Curran read a letter from William Wichmann, HOA President for The Cottages.

7. REPORTS

A. Financial (Lee Brubaker)

Report received and filed.

B. Public Safety Report (Chief Ken McLaughlin)

See above #4. 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. Town Manager Vogel stated that on April 27th she and the Town Administrative Official met with Charles Walker, President of Liberty Parks & Playgrounds, Inc.,

at John West Park to discuss the new park improvements included in the FY17 Capital Budget. During the meeting it was brought to their attention that one of the existing pieces of play equipment has multiple entrapment hazards and must be removed immediately. This was not anticipated during the budget process.

The play equipment described in Liberty Park's letter was part of a larger playground project installed in 2003. The piece is included in the Town's Reserve Study and was scheduled for replacement in 2022. Because the piece has been in place for so long adequate funds have accumulated in the Capital Repair and Replacement Trust Fund for immediate replacement at a cost of \$12,000.

Town Manager Vogel stated that unless there is an objection by the Town Council this amount will not be deducted from the \$20,000 that was approved in the FY17 Capital Improvement Budget. No objections were raised by the Council.

E. Council Members –

Mayor Curran noted that the Millville Volunteer Fire Co. offers the community great service and the grant funds the Town of Ocean View gave the fire company would be completely accounted for as required in the grant application.

8. CITIZENS' PRIVILEGE ON THE PREPUBLISHED AGENDA

1. Greg Goldman, 36 Brighton Street stated he is not convinced the drainage problem is fixed on his property. He thinks the water is not flowing in the right direction and that the water sits for several days. Mr. McMullen stated that Kercher Engineering was looking into the problem.

2. Warren Eastburn, 9 Windmill Lane stated he spent fifty years of his career in highway construction and he considers the drainage swale in front of his home to have an unsafe slope. He said it is steeper than a 3:1 slope and he is concerned about lawsuits from people driving into the swale. He also stated that the grass could no longer be mowed using a riding mower. The swale could potentially create an optical illusion and may require a barrier. Mr. Eastburn suggested piping this section instead of the drainage swale that now exists.

9. OLD BUSINESS - None

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Introduction of Ordinance(s) – None

B. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on a request from Mr. Brian McManus of K Hovnanian Homes to change two street names, previously approved by Town Council, in the Ocean View Beach Club community as follows: Bennett Point Lane to replace Slaughter Lane and Basin Cove Way (or Avenue) to replace Broadkill Lane.

A motion was made Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Olsen, to allow the change of street names at the expense of K Hovnanian Homes. The motion carried unanimously 3/0.

10. CITIZENS' PRIVILEGE

Don Palmer, 5 Jordyn Court was present to ask Council what was holding up the street dedication process. Mr. McMullen noted there was some paperwork issue between Kercher Engineering and Mr. Schrader. Mayor Curran assured Mr. Palmer he would look into the problem.

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - None

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Olsen, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm. The motion carried unanimously 3/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Schwartz, Town Clerk