

**TOWN OF OCEAN VIEW**  
**TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP**  
**TOWN HALL, 32 WEST AVENUE, OCEAN VIEW, DE 19970**  
**September 24, 2019 @ 6:00PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Curran called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Members Bruce White, Bert Reynolds and Frank Twardzik were present. Town Manager Carol Houck, Planning and Development Director Ken Cimino, Police Chief Ken McLaughlin, Attorney Ross Karsnitz and Town Clerk Donna Schwartz were also present. Council Member Tom Maly was not present.

**2. ADOPTION of AGENDA**

Mayor Curran asked for an amendment to the agenda, he asked to put Item A ahead of Item B. *A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Reynolds, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously 4/0.*

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Police Staffing Study Presentation by Dr. Jon Shane, Consultant.**

Mayor Curran introduced Dr. Jon Shane. Dr. Shane spoke briefly about himself and his credentials in police policy and issues. He said he crafted an activity-based budget for the Ocean View Police Dept. He explained the proactive time is currently at 67% and the goal would be to reach 75% proactive time. Dr. Shane explained the difference between committed time and uncommitted time. Dr. Shane said OVPD is doing a phenomenal job with community policing. He talked about a 10% increase in calls and a 15% increase in budget which would include salary, equipment and materials. He said this increase could staff two additional officers. He stated his recommendation would be to hire the two new officers for officer safety and better position with the community.

Council Member White thanked Dr. Shane for his presentation. He questioned whether 67% was typical for this size department. Dr. Shane stated he did not make any comparisons to other police departments.

Chief McLaughlin explained they are at maximum hours to use. Dr. Shane agreed with Chief and said this results in overtime hours. Chief McLaughlin said he believes the success is in their ability to be proactive over reactive.

Council Member Twardzik said officer safety was number one with him. He stated he liked what Dr. Shane had done with the information and he would like to study the numbers.

Mayor Curran stated this not a sprint, it is a work in progress. We need to make sure it's correct and stay ahead of the curve. He said we are going in the right direction.

There were no comments from the public on this topic.

**B. Review and Discussion of Proposed Amended Ordinance 360, Chapter 93.**

Mayor Curran explained the reason for amending the Ordinance. He said some places have no off-street parking available. Mayor Curran also noted that this ordinance applies only to rentals while being rented. Council Member Twardzik agreed with Mayor Curran and is in favor of the amendment. Council Member Reynolds stated he agreed with changing the off-street section as it is not enforceable. He said we need to insist they use all available off-street parking first. Mayor Curran stated the only way we can enforce the ordinance is through complaints.

Council Member White asked if any HOA's had parking rules. Mayor Curran replied yes they control the parking and enforcement most places.

Council Member Reynolds stated the Council still had an obligation to OV residents who live on private streets. Mayor Curran said the HOA's have control over the parking on private streets. Attorney Karsnitz explained there is no mechanism in place for the Town to control private streets.

Council Member Reynolds expressed concern over the inability of emergency vehicles to get down a private street in Fairway Village due to parked cars. Mayor Curran stated the HOA needs to make parking on one side of the street illegal. The HOA could tow vehicles. Council Member Reynolds said the citizens are in harm's way. Mayor Curran replied there is nothing the Town can do to restrict parking. Chief McLaughlin stated he reached out to the Fire Marshal and they came to Fairway Village and measured the road which was legal at 20'. The fire company has concerns about access. Town Manager Houck suggested the staff could express concern to the fire company or the HOA.

#### **4. OPEN DISCUSSION**

#### **5. CITIZENS' PRIVILEGE**

Brian Shlemon, Augusta Drive, told Council that his mother-in-law fell and broke her hip and the ambulance could barely get through. He said something needs to be done.

Terry Norcross, Augusta Drive, stated the problem is daily. He feels the Town does nothing for them to help the situation. Mayor Curran replied we have done all we can legally do; we have reached a limit. Mr. Norcross said Freddy Mac won't issue mortgages. He has had his house for sale for two years.

Brian Shlemon stated it is a safety issue. Ms. Houck stated she would be happy to draft a letter for the fire company to send to the developer. Mayor Curran said there are limited options, but the HOA could enforce one-sided parking.

Mike Darcy, Augusta Drive, agreed that it is a safety problem, next emergency may be a heart attack. Ken Cimino suggested he may have some success talking to the developer's representative about Augusta and Oakmont.

Alexandria Mathers, Fairway Drive, questioned what the difference between private and public streets. Ken Cimino explained the width of the road determines the status of the road. He said in the old Town code the streets were too narrow.

Hal Solomon, Golden Eagle, questioned why the Council was revisiting the Ordinance they passed in April. Mayor Curran replied that parts of the ordinance were not fair to everyone.

Dan Dalina, Morgan's Turn, suggested off-street parking should be used first, then use street parking.

Liz Reynolds, Josephine Lane, suggested Council keep the rules simple to understand and enforce.

#### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by Council Member Reynolds, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm. The motion carried unanimously 4/0.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna M. Schwartz, CMC  
Town Clerk