

**MINUTES of the REGULAR
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**October 8, 2019 @ 7:00PM
32 WEST AVENUE
OCEAN VIEW, DE 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 Tom Maly, Bert Reynolds, Frank Twardzik, and Bruce White. Town Manager Carol Houck, Finance Director Dawn Parks, Police Sergeant Rhys Bradshaw, Planning & Development Director Ken Cimino, Town Solicitor Ross Karsnitz, and Town Clerk Donna Schwartz present.

2. PUBLIC HEARING

First Reading of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 360, Chapter 93, as adopted April 9, 2019.

Mayor Curran explained the reason for the amendment pertaining to licenses. He said it mandates one parking space per bedroom. Off-street parking must be used if available. He stated the ordinance would be enforced by complaints received. Council Member White said he was concerned about the enforcement of the ordinance.

Steve Cobb, West Avenue, offered an example about a rental house with three bedrooms allowed to have three cars, that then throws a party and more cars come to the residence. Mayor Curran said anything over three cars would be illegal. He said they must use the driveway if there is one available. Mr. Cobb asked if it would be illegal to throw a party and have additional cars for a period of time. Mayor Curran replied, no it's not illegal to have a party, but they can't bring cars. He said this ordinance is not easily enforced; it is a tricky path. Mr. Cobb stated he thinks more work needs to be done on this amendment before it is adopted. Mrs. Houck replied the Town is trying to limit the number of rental guests in one residence. Everybody can have a guest; this ordinance is to help us identify problem properties. Mr. Cobb asked what the fines would be for rentals that break the law. Mrs. Houck said that the fines are in our fee schedule and ultimately the owner of the property could lose their rental license.

Council Member Reynolds suggested we could require the license plates of the people staying at the rental property. Mr. Karsnitz replied that would be very tedious especially with weekly rentals.

Resident Dan Dalina, Morgan's Turn, asked what the process is for someone who doesn't get a rental license. Mrs. Houck replied to his question explaining the process the town currently uses to capture unlicensed rentals. The owner is charged back license fees and gross rental tax to extent we can investigate it.

3. ADOPTION of Agenda

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

4. **APPROVAL** of the Town Council Minutes

A motion was made by Council Member Reynolds, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 10, 2019. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

A motion was made by Council Member Reynolds, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2019. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

The Millville Fire Company reported 34 EMS calls in the town for the month of September.

6. **REPORTS**

A. Financial (Dawn Parks)

Report received and filed.

Council Member White questioned whether the professional services line item would go much higher. Mrs. Parks replied she felt it would go higher before being itemized out into other categories.

B. Public Safety (Rhys Bradshaw)

Report received and filed.

Council Member Twardzik asked about Cops & Goblins slated for October 26, 2019. Sergeant Bradshaw stated this is a fantastic family event. Free food, free candy and free fun. He said it gets bigger and better every year.

C. Planning, Zoning and Development (Ken Cimino)

Report received and filed.

Council Member Maly expressed his satisfaction that the neighboring towns were working with the Town of Ocean View in a combined effort to combat bicycle and pedestrian accidents.

D. Town Manager (Carol Houck)

Report received and filed.

Council Member White offered his accolades to Jerrad Steele for his creative and flexible approach to his work projects for the last couple of months.

E. Town Council

Mayor Curran stated that the Town is not keeping Comcast out. We do not have an exclusive contract with Mediacom. He is hoping that the on-going talks would result in some competition and better service for residents.

Mayor Curran also noted that the opportunity to comment again on the Comprehensive Plan was coming up. If interested come to the tent at Cops and Goblins on October 26th.

7. **CITIZENS' PRIVILEGE ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Introduction of Ordinance(s)**

B. **Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on the FY21 Budget Timeline**

Mayor Curran explained the purpose of the timeline and Council Member White reminded the Mayor that only one reading was required for budget ordinances.

A motion was made by Mayor Curran, seconded by Council Member Maly, to approve the timeline. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

C. **Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on FY2020 Street Paving Bid Project #OV20-0009.**

Mr. Cimino reported they received three sealed bids, of which Delmarva Paving was the lowest at \$230,181.40. Council Member White asked if we had a track record with Delmarva Paving. Mr. Cimino stated they did our last paving job with no problems.

A motion was made by Council Member White, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to approve the street paving contract to Delmarva Paving. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

9. **CITIZENS' PRIVILEGE**

None

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Maly, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna M. Schwartz, CMC
Town Clerk