



MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE
November 13, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.
BRIDGEVILLE TOWN HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Pat Correll. Present: Commissioners Lawrence Tassone, Tim Banks, Tom Carey, Sharon McDowell, Town Manager Jesse Savage and Solicitor Dennis Schrader. The meeting began with the Flag Salute and Prayer.

II. QUORUM PRESENT

President Correll reported a quorum was present to discuss Bridgeville Town business.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the Agenda as modified – Tassone; 2nd – Banks; motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Minutes from the October 9th Commission Meeting and from the October 19th Commission Workshop - Tassone; 2nd – McDowell; motion carried.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

Town Manager Savage stated the Office of the Governor sent a letter thanking the Town for recognizing the exceptional accomplishments of Delaware's volunteers by nominating the Heritage Shores Military Club for the 2017 Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Service Award.

Town Manager Savage stated that a letter was received from Comcast concerning changes effective November 7, 2017. Weatherscan and ESPN Classic will no longer be available.

Town Manager, Savage stated that the Town received a letter from Morning Star Publications thanking the Town for participating in the Seaford and Laurel Star 2017-2018 Newspaper in Education program.

VI. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BILLS PAYABLE

Balance Sheet – October 31, 2017

General Fund – \$1,394,053 (decrease of \$1,195,746 from last month)

All Accounts – \$3,114,863 (decrease of \$1,184,935)

Accounts Receivable – \$185,453

Budget Report Target – 33% (4 month into budget year)

Income – \$1,524,635 (Income at 57% of the budget)

Expenses – \$790,789 (Expenses 29% of the budget)

Net Income – \$733,846

Accounts Payable

Bills – \$42,372 Expected Expenses – \$114,800 Total estimated amount for approval – \$157,172
Motion to pay the bills as presented – Tassone; 2nd – McDowell; motion carried.

VII. TOWN REPORTS

The Commission discussed the reports from the multiple departments.

President Correll stated that Ashley Walls' 2-year anniversary with the Town was October 5, 2017.

VIII. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Richard Grinnell discussed that the EDC met with Leann Walling regarding the Town's Comp. Plan. Mr. Grinnell stated that the EDC is still waiting on the State's feedback from the September meeting. Mr. Grinnell stated that the new Railroad sign is complete on the old Railroad building. Mr. Grinnell stated that Small Business Saturday is coming up and the EDC is working with the Seaford Chamber of Commerce to participate in that. Mr. Grinnell stated that he is working with Town Manager Savage on the Sussex County Profile Ad. He also stated that the Christmas Parade [December 9th] is up to 13 participates and continues to grow.

IX. CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE

Commissioner Banks read a letter received from Lester Williams, 600 Birch St, regarding riding with the Code Enforcement Officer for 15 years and voluntarily withdraw himself as a volunteer. The Commission thanked Mr. Williams for everything he has done for the Town.

X. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Economic Development Committee-Discussion and Decision on adding New Member-Jane Houtman

Motion to approve Jane Houtman, Downtown Alley, to the Economic Development Committee– Tassone; 2nd – Banks; motion carried.

B. Bridgeville Christmas Parade-Vendor Approvals

Motion to approve the Bridgeville Christmas Parade Vendors and give Town Manager Savage the authority to approve any vendors up until the day before the Parade– Tassone; 2nd – McDowell; motion carried.

C. Ordinance 2017-F Relating to Dangerous Dogs. Public Hearing and Possible Decision on “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 84-10 OF THE CODE OF BRIDGEVILLE”

Solicitor Schrader opened a Public Hearing at 7:13 P.M. to register agreement or opposition to the Ordinance.

Commissioner Tassone asked if he is correct in saying that the dogs are not allowed to be considered dangerous until after an injury or death. Solicitor Schrader stated that by the State statute dogs are no longer allowed to be presumed dangerous by breed.

Patrick McGinnis, 28 Water Side Drive, stated that being a retired Police Officer, he understands there are good and bad pit bulls and it is all in how they are raised.

Motion to approve the Ordinance 2017-F Relating to Dangerous Dogs to be renamed Ordinance 2017-5. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 84-10 OF THE CODE OF BRIDGEVILLE RELATING TO DEFINITIONS; DANGEROUS DOGS". – Carey; 2nd – McDowell; motion carried.

XII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

There were no new Ordinances introduced.

XIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn – Tassone; 2nd – Carey; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Tassone, Commission Secretary

Ashley Walls, Transcriptionist