



MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE
April 08, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.
BRIDGEVILLE TOWN HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Tom Carey called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Present: Commissioners Lawrence Tassone, Bruce Smith, Sharon McDowell, Town Manager Jesse Savage, and Solicitor Ross Karsnitz. The meeting began with the Flag Salute and Prayer.

II. QUORUM PRESENT

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

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to amend the Agenda to remove Preliminary Development Plan of Coastal Run Apartments and the Executive Session – Tassone; 2nd – Smith; motion carried. (5-0)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Minutes from the March 11th Commission Meeting - Tassone; 2nd – Smith; motion carried. (5-0)

V. CORRESPONDENCE

Town Manager Savage stated that there was a letter dropped off at Town Hall from Dr. Saunders regarding a possible dangerous building 502 N. Cannon

VI. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BILLS PAYABLE

Balance Sheet – March 31, 2019

General Fund – \$725,904 (decrease of \$120,674 from last month)

All Accounts – \$2,862,596(decrease of \$2,541)

Accounts Receivable – \$164,386

Budget Report Target – 75% (9 month into budget year)

Income – \$2,386,546 (Income at 82% of the budget)

Expenses – \$1,973,971 (Expenses 68% of the budget)

Net Income – \$412,575

Accounts Payable

Bills – \$21,970 Expected Expenses – \$122,000 Total estimated amount for approval – \$143,970

Motion to pay the bills as presented – Tassone; 2nd – Smith; motion carried. (5-0)

VII. TOWN REPORTS

The Commission discussed the reports from the multiple departments.

President Carey thanked Chief Parker in regards to the Truck issue in town and giving the Commissions an update on all the vehicles that have been stopped.

VIII. CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE

Dr. Marlene Saunders-5 Oak Street-Dr. Saunders stated that her letter was a follow up regarding 502 N. Cannon Street. Dr. Saunders stated that she has talked to the Town's Code Enforcement Officer and that there was not going to be any action taken because the Town could not establish who the owner was of the property. Dr. Saunders stated that she recommends the Town go to the State's website to find out who the owner is. Dr. Saunders stated that her letter also asks when the property will be demolished and that the property is a health and safety hazard to the residents. Dr. Saunders stated that she will be staying on top of this matter and that she will use all of her civic resources to get this property demolished. President Carey thanked Dr. Saunders and stated that they are in process of establishing a Dangerous Building Committee to go inspect the property. Town Manager Savage stated that the Town has received two letters from residents stating they also feel it is a safety hazard to the Town, that the Code Enforcement Officer has done the preliminary inspection of the property and that he is drafting a resolution to establish a Dangerous Building Committee. Town Manager Savage stated that the Town received notice that this property will be going to Sheriff Sale in May.

Phil Clark-32 Amanda's Clark- Mr. Clark discussed the upcoming Concert Series from the Heritage Shores Military Club and invited everyone to the Concerts. Mr. Clark stated that they will be working with the Town to put together the Memorial Day Celebration which will be at the Union United Methodist Church on May 27 at 10 AM. Mr. Clark stated that tickets for the Concerts will be available at the Heritage Shores reception desk and tickets will be brought to Town Hall.

Jack Dalton-207 Delaware Avenue-Mr. Dalton stated that this is a follow up to the March Workshop and that some residents prepared a note for the Commission. Mr. Dalton read the note that listed items that concerned residents proposed that the Commission act on (The note is attached to the documents for this meeting).

Pat Correll-421 S. Main Street- Ms. Correll stated as Past President and on the board for 17 years, what Mr. Dalton just said, she hopes they don't take that literally. Ms. Correll stated that the Town did not have a Town Manager until she went on the board, the year after Mr. Dalton went off the board, and they never got transfer tax until they got a Town Manager. Ms. Correll stated that if you don't have a Town Manager then you do not know what is going on in Dover, Georgetown or anywhere. Ms. Correll stated as far as for the Attorney being here, he has been coming to Bridgeville since the 1970's. Ms. Correll feels that the items on the list will take the Town backwards instead of going forward and that no one on the Commission except Commissioner Tassone has time to run the departments. Ms. Correll stated that she said if you hire someone to run the Town, then let them run it. Ms. Correll stated that now, Bridgeville is a town other towns look up to.

Aliceann Zaras-67 Whistling Duck- Mrs. Zaras stated that she is new but she wanted to talk about the Bank building. Mrs. Zaras stated that she went to the Conference in Seattle this year and

zoned in on Historic Preservation. Mrs. Zaras stated that there is hope and that the Economic Development Committee is working hard on Historical Preservation grants. Mrs. Zaras stated that she hopes in the future, Market Street will be a show piece and a walk able street. Mrs. Zaras stated that they need to preserve the old Bank building and not sell it to a developer. Dr. Saunders asked what happens next with this item. President Carey stated that they will discuss it at a future workshop.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

None.

X. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion, consideration, and possible voting on)

A. Preliminary Development Plan of Coastal Run Apartments

Removed from Agenda

B. Dangerous Building-107 S. Main Street

1. Discussion

Town Manager Savage stated that this is a follow up from last month's meeting and at that meeting the owner of the property did not discuss any plans to fix up the building. Mr. Savage stated that a resolution has been drafted and if it is passed the Commission has to give the current property owner a deadline. Commissioner Smith asked if the owner has sent anything in. Town Manager Savage stated that he has not spoke with him since the last meeting. Commissioner Banks called the owner, he didn't answer, so he went and looked at the building and stated that the condition is really bad. Commissioner Banks stated that there were some residents that were going to help him restore that building but there is nothing they can do to help with that building. Commissioner Tassone stated that based on the Owner's testimony at March's meeting, he does not have the means to do anything with that building. Commissioner Banks stated that at one time the Town offered to tear it down and asked if that was still an option. Mr. Savage stated that when they had the equipment nearby, the Town offered to just knock it down with the loader and the owner refused.

2. Consideration and possible voting

Motion to Approve a Resolution to Approve to Declare 107 S. Main Street a Hazard to Life and Property and a Common and Public Nuisance and to give him 60 days to have the building demolished. – Tassone; 2nd – Smith; motion carried. (5-0)

XI. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

There were no new Ordinances introduced.

XII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Town Manager Savage stated that going forward the Town has gone to colored paper for final notices so they will not be discarded as easily. Mr. Savage stated that it is a blue envelope with pink paper. The Commission thought this is a good idea.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION-PERSONNEL

Removed from Agenda

XIV. ADJOURNMENT-

Motion to adjourn – Tassone; 2nd – Smith; motion carried. (5-0) the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Smith, Commission Secretary

Ashley Walls, Transcriptionist