



**MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE
September 09, 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 Tim Banks, Bruce Smith, & Town Manager Jesse Savage. The meeting began with the Flag Salute and Prayer.

Absent: Commission Sharon McDowell

II. QUORUM PRESENT

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

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the Agenda– Smith; 2nd – Banks; motion carried (3-0)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Minutes from the August 12th Commission Meeting and the August 26th Commission Workshop Meeting - Smith; 2nd – Banks; motion carried. (3-0)

V. CORRESPONDENCE

Town Manager Savage stated that the Town received a letter from Dr. Marlene Saunders thanking the Commission for appointing her to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

VI. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BILLS PAYABLE

Balance Sheet – August 31, 2019

General Fund – \$755,844 (increase of \$337,771 from last month)

All Accounts – \$2,740,381 (increase of \$348,317)

Accounts Receivable – \$1,1001,357

Budget Report Target – 17% (2 months into budget year)

Income – \$497,483 (Income at 45% of the budget)

Expenses – \$497,483 (Expenses 18% of the budget)

Net Income – \$746,483

Accounts Payable

Bills – \$66,662 Expected Expenses – \$115,400 Total estimated amount for approval – \$182,062

Motion to pay the bills as presented – Smith; 2nd – Banks; motion carried. (3-0)

VII. TOWN REPORTS

The Commission discussed the reports from the multiple departments.

President Carey thanked the Bridgeville Police Department for handling the incident in town. President Carey asked if there had been any more monitoring of truck enforcement in town. Chief Parker stated that they have but not as many as last month and can provide the Commission with the documentation. President Carey asked Chief Parker to email it to the Commissioners.

VIII. CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE

Allen Green- 136 Widgeon Way- Mr. Green asked if there was a ground breaking and an open house for the new Police Department. President Carey stated that the Police have not moved in yet. Mr. Green asked if there was a ground breaking. President Carey stated that there was a ground breaking but they did not have a ceremony for it and it was kind of a nasty time weather wise when they broke ground. Mr. Green asked if they were going to have an open house. President Carey stated that they discussed that at the August Commission Workshop and that they are going to have a Ribbon Cutting/Community Event that will take place instead of the Annual Police Night out. Mr. Green asked what the status of the old police department is. President Carey stated that the status of the Old Police Department is that it is Town property, that it is on the agenda and they are going to try to have a business come in, take the property and rehab it. Mr. Green stated that that seems ambitious since the public was told it would take about 1 Million dollars to keep it from being condemned. President Carey stated that they have had engineers look at the building and they do not think that it will take a Million dollars. Mr. Green asked what the procedure is for filling District 2's Commission seat. President Carey stated that that item is on the agenda.

Margaret Sipple-106 Sussex Ave. - Mrs. Sipple asked why there is no yard waste pick up on Clean up day. Town Manager Savage stated that this year they budgeted for a Clean Up day, last year it included Yard Waste service and the Town was charged thousands of dollars but they did not even pick up a ton of waste. Mrs. Sipple asked if there is a way for the Town to have a way for residents to get rid of yard waste. Town Manager Savage stated that it is something to think about and that the Town does have a dumpster for tree limbs. Town Manager Savage stated that the Town does accept tree limbs now. Town Manager Savage stated that the Town will pick it up for one fee or residents can bring it for a lesser fee.

Ralph Peluso-Widgeon Way- Mr. Peluso stated that he found out that Heritage Shores has already put up a Candidate for the vacant seat, which is fabulous. President Carey stated that there are two residents interested in the seat. Mr. Peluso stated that there is a disproportionate amount of representation within the Community and Heritage Shores provides a disproportionately amount of the revenue, that is unfair. President Carey stated that it is not driven by revenue but by population. President Carey stated that the redistricting Committee will be looking at drawing new districts in the coming months and there is a census in coming in 2020. Mr. Peluso asked if the Commission will be mandated after the Census to redistrict. Town Manager Savage stated that yes, after a Census per the Charter the town must redistrict. Commission President stated that his Option is that Heritage Shores will get at least two Commissioners after the redistricting. Mr. Peluso asked if the residents will be able to be a part of the redistricting process. President Carey stated that each district will have a representative on the Redistricting Committee. Mr. Peluso

asked if this information will get to the community at large. President Carey stated that the representative that is appointed by the Commissioners and the Commissioner who will be elections early in 2020 for District 2, it will be their responsibility to communicate that with the residents. Mr. Peluso stated that whoever gets elected for District 2 must have the residents back because at this moment there is unequal taxation and representation.

Victor Mazariegos- 25 Oak- Mr. Mazariegos stated that Saturday night he and his family were coming back from church and that they could not get to their house. Mr. Mazariegos stated that he went around a different way and then they shot the gun about 50 feet away from them. Mr. Mazariegos stated he is not sure if they have to get permission from the Town but he has never seen that many people in one place. Mr. Mazariegos stated that when he got to his house, there were like 30 people in his yard and that when the cops responded to the scene, people started running everywhere. Mr. Mazariegos stated that it got out of control and he was worried for his family. President Carey stated that the Town was unaware of that event was going to be happening, that there was not permit issued and that they did not have permission to close off the street. President Carey stated that they are going to make every effort to avoid that situation in the future. Chief Parker stated that it is still an ongoing investigation. Commissioner Banks stated that he was a part of the first group that started that Community event and it was a great event where they gave away book bags. Commissioner Banks stated that it has evolved into something that should have never been and that they have a daycare on Church Street, where they were picking up alcohol bottles with alcohol still in them, in the playground area. Commissioner Banks stated that he has never seen that many people in the Community. Mr. Mazariegos asked if they had a permit. Commissioner Banks stated that they did not and that they had met with some of the residents and discussed how this can never happen again.

Carol Warren-113 Jacobs-Ms. Warren asked whether everyone has to have garbage collection because she takes her trash herself. Town Manager Savage stated that yes the way the Code is written currently everyone must have garbage collection but it has not been enforced. Ms. Warren stated that it shouldn't be written if it is not going to be enforced. Mr. Savage stated that he agrees. President Carey stated that they are looking at the Code and also how garbage is collected within Town. Town Manager Savage stated that at the Commission Workshop on September 30th, that garbage collection will be on the agenda. President Carey stated that the problem is that there is way too many different garbage trucks in town.

Margaret Sipple-106 Sussex Ave. -Mrs. Sipple stated that the Town doesn't have a Code Enforcement Officer now and asked what was going on with that. President Carey stated that the Town does have a Code Enforcement Officers and that they are the Bridgeville Police Department.

Allen Green- 136 Widgeon Way-Mr. Green stated that the Town passed a franchise fee and when it was passed it was said that the residents would not see it because essentially Comcast would eat it. Mr. Green stated that, that did not happen and asked if there were any thoughts on rescinding the franchise fee. Town Manager Savage stated that he has heard no thoughts on that and that he is not sure where he heard that Comcast would eat the fee. Mr. Savage stated that, that they said it would be a minimal fee and Comcast provided what the fees would be depending the level of service. President Carey stated that they could bring that up at the next workshop

IX. OLD BUSINESS

There is none.

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

A. Commission Seat Vacancy-Heritage Shores-District 2

Town Manager Savage stated there is currently a vacancy and that the Solicitor has weighed in. Town Manager Savage stated that the Solicitor has said that Section 13 A of the Charter the Commissioners shall appoint someone to fill the vacancy; the term for that seat is through March 2020, which means there will be an election process in the beginning of the year. Town Manager Savage also stated that Commission McDowell has not been at the last couple of meetings, so with only three (3) Commissioners being here, it has to be a 3-0 vote for something to pass. President Carey stated that to his knowledge, they have two (2) residents that are interested in the vacant seat and he was hoping to open that up to that district until the next Commission Workshop, September 30. President Carey stated that then they would be able to vet those candidates and vote on them at the next Commission Meeting on October 14. Town Manager stated that they will advertise for letters of interest with qualifications in District 2.

Bob Costello-Harlequin Loop-Mr. Costello asked for more information on the vetting process. President Carey stated that it will be the Commission verifying information as much as they can.

Jay Driller-Waterside Drive-Mr. Driller asked if President Carey stated that District 2's term runs until 2020 and the election will be in March. President Carey stated that it is actually until the end of February 2020 and at the March meeting the new Commissioner will be sworn in.

Town Manager Savage stated that on September 30, at the end of the day he will have a list of Candidates that he will provide to the Commissioners.

B. Apple Scapple Festival Approvals

Town Manager Savage stated that the library requested to have the Hometown Carnival Night, Thursday, October 10th, from 4:00-9:00 P.M., for town residents to ride the rides.

Make a motion to approve the Hometown Carnival night scheduled for Thursday, October 10th, from 4:00-9:00 P.M. - Smith; 2nd – Banks; motion carried. (3-0)

Town Manager Savage stated that the Commissioners have been provided with a map of the Food & Trade Vendor locations similar to years in the past.

Motion to approve the Apple Scapple Festival Food & Trade Vendor Locations. - Smith; 2nd – Banks; motion carried. (3-0)

C. 302 Market-PNC Release of Restrictive Covenant

Town Manager Savage stated that when they purchase the building from Baltimore Trust there was a restriction that it had to remain a public use and in order to do more with that building the Town has asked them to remove that restriction. Town Manger Savage stated that they have agreed to remove that restriction but they will have the stipulation that it can not be another bank as long as PNC Bank is in its current location if the building was sold. Town Manager Savage stated that they have signed their part.

Motion to approve the PNC Release of Restrictive Covenant. - Smith; 2nd – Banks; motion carried. (3-0)

XI. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Commissioner Banks introduced an Ordinance to amend the 2018 Comp Plan.

XII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

There is none.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT-

Motion to adjourn – Smith; 2nd – Banks; motion carried. (3-0) the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Smith, Commission Secretary

Ashley Walls, Transcriptionist