



COMMISSIONERS MEETING
January 31, 2022 – 5:00 P.M.
ZOOM

A regularly scheduled Workshop of Commissioners of Bridgeville was held on January 31, 2022, at 5:00 PM, virtually via ZOOM. The following were present:

Tom Carey	President
Marlene Saunders	Secretary
Tom Moran	Commissioner
John Tomeski	Commissioner

Bethany DeBussy	Town Manager
Ashley Walls	Town Clerk
Dennis Schrader	Town Solicitor

Absent:	Bruce Smith	President Pro Tempore
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CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Commission President Carey.

QUORUM PRESENT:

President Carey reported that a quorum was present to conduct Town business.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Hometown Hero Banners Project

Town Manager DeBussy stated that this project is still on hold due to the snow storm they were unable to get the pole count.

OPEN DISCUSSION (Voting Item)

Covid Leave Policy

This item was discussed in Executive Session.

Motion to adopt the Temporary Covid-19 Personnel Policy-Moran; 2nd – Tomeski; motion carried.
4 Yes votes, 0 No Votes.

President Carey stated that this Policy will be in effect for 60 days, which will be April 1st.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Personnel Policy

Town Manager DeBussy stated that the Personnel Policy needs to be updated and they will be working on that within the next month or two.

OPEN DISCUSSION

American Rescue Plan Update

Town Manager DeBussy stated that in January the final rule was released from the IRS and she provided the Commission with a Confidential document that was provided by the attorneys hired by the State and the Town. Town Manager DeBussy stated that the first report is due in April. The Commissioners and Town Manager DeBussy discussed possible ideas and whether they could use ARPA funds for these items or not.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Election Update

Town Manager DeBussy stated that Feb. 4th is the filing deadline, and the Town will announce if there will be an election after the deadline.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Redistricting

Town Manager DeBussy stated that John Laznik, University of Delaware, will be at the February 14th Commission Meeting and that the goal is to have the redistricting done by Summer.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Misc.

Town Manager DeBussy gave the Commissioners an update on numerous projects that are going on in the Town.

Town Manager DeBussy discussed a funding opportunity for residents that have gotten behind on their water bills. Jen Parsons, Housing Alliance of Delaware, was present via Zoom and stated that this program is through Delaware State Housing and DEHAP. Jen stated that one part of the program is for rental assistance and the other part is for utilities such as water bills. Jen stated that the funding can be used for past, current, and future bills. Jen stated that these funds are for rentals and that renters/landlords can go to decovidhousinghelp.com and apply. Jen stated that she would send information to the Town so that it can be shared with the residents.

Town Manager DeBussy gave a big shoutout to the crew that helped throughout the snowstorm.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Town Manager DeBussy stated that the next Commission meeting will be on Valentine's Day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to enter Executive Session -Saunders; 2nd – Moran; motion carried. 4 Yes votes, 0 No Votes.
The Commission went into Executive Session at 5:43 PM and came out at 6:03 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 6:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Saunders, Commission Secretary

Ashley Walls, Transcriptionist