



COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
DECEMBER 9, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.
BRIDGEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY & ZOOM

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Commissioners of Bridgeville was held on December 9, 2024, at 7:00 PM, at the Bridgeville Public Library, and via Zoom.

The following were present:

John Tomeski	President
Tom Moran	President Pro Tempore (Absent)
Darrynn Harris	Secretary
Tom Carey	Commissioner
Clifford Oliver	Commissioner
Bethany DeBussy	Town Manager
Greg Morris	Town Solicitor
Burke Parker	Chief of Police

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President Tomeski.

QUORUM PRESENT:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Commissioner Carey and seconded by Commissioner Harris to approve the agenda. Motion carried: 4 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Harris to approve the minutes from November 12th and November 25th, seconded by Commissioner Oliver. Motion carried: 4 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence.

FINANCIALS STATEMENTS:

Town Manager DeBussy read the following information from the November Financial reports:

Balance Sheet-

- General Fund-\$1,996,156.00
- All Accounts - \$11,395,181.00
- Accounts Receivable - \$70,658.27

- Income - \$2,343,132.00
- Expenses - \$1,114,999.00

Accounts Payable-

- The Town paid bills totaling \$207,951.49 in November.

TOWN REPORTS:

Town Department reports were reviewed and discussed by the Commissioners and Town Manager DeBussy.

CITIZENS PRIVILEGE:

Amber Ryzhechkin, 20460 Diamond J Drive- Ms. Ryzhechkin would like to address the odor on the west side of town. She called DNREC to report the odor for the first time on November 27th. She would like the town to help investigate the problem.

Shelia Chaconas, 402 Sussex Ave Ext- Ms. Chaconas explained the smell was worse before Apple Scrapple, and wants to know who is responsible for fixing it.

Nancy Brunner, 13 Gadwell Circle- Ms. Brunner explained she was chastised by other residents on social media for not enjoying the "normal rural smells." She would like to suggest that companies utilize filters when crushing waste items.

A discussion was had between attendees, Town Manager DeBussy, and Commissioners regarding the process of how to report the issues, who is responsible for which steps, and the probable cause of the odor.

Representatives from PictSweet, Ed Carey, and Simmons Animal Nutrition, Greg Lopez, explained what causes the odor and how they remedy the problem when it is reported through the Town. Mr. Carey explained their smells are normal agricultural smells during the processing season May-October. They come from washing the sand/dirt off the beans and spraying the fields. The waste settles in the pond that is treated with aerate boxes and chlorine tablets. The system is DNREC permitted, treated once a year, and is fenced for public safety. The organic waste goes back into the ground. Mr. Lopez explained the odor from their plant comes from cleaning their transportation. The trucks are rinsed on their dock and the waste water is treated in their system before being disposed of by another company. The last complaint they received from the town was remedied by permanently sealing a hatch in the system. Complaints are normally handled immediately.

Town Manager DeBussy explained our water is not surface water, it is deep wells, therefore neither of the processes affect our water system.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Lease Agreement- Verizon Cell Service Contract

Commissioners discussed the final contract.

A motion was made to approve the contract by Commissioner Carey; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion carried: 4 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

Franchise Agreement- Chesapeake Utilities

Town Manager DeBussy removed this item from the agenda to provide more time for review.

Board Renewals

Planning and Zoning member, Clint Whaley, term expires in December. Board of Adjustment members Peter Castelli and Steve Grier terms expire in December. All three have expressed interest in renewal.

A motion was made to approve the members to a 3 year term on their respective groups by Commissioner Carey, seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion carried: 4 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

Grant-In-Aid/Donations

Commissioner Carey would like to donate \$100 to the Heritage Shores Military Club.

A motion was made to donate \$100 to the Heritage Shores Military Club by Commissioner Harris and seconded by Commissioner Oliver. Motion carried: 4 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

Misc.

No miscellaneous items.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION/ORDINANCES:

An Ordinance to adopt the International Building Code was tabled to allow more time for edits.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Commissioners thanked the public for attending to voice their concerns for the odors in town.

Commissioner Harris thanked staff and PWES for the successful tree lighting; he also thanked staff for their quick response to the potholes reported.

Commissioner Carey reminded the audience that the correct process for communication with town issues is to start by contacting Town Hall before becoming "social media warriors." Carey thanked the staff on a great tree lighting event.

Commissioner Tomeski thanked the staff for the quick response on the water line break. Tomeski reminded everyone that the Santa Run will take place December 16th at 4:30pm, starting in Heritage Shores.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

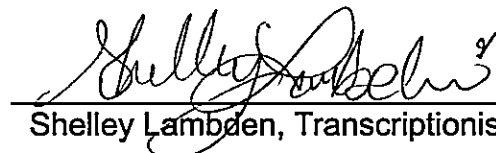
No executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm by Commissioner Carey, seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion carried: 4 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

Respectfully submitted,


Darrynn Harris, Commission Secretary


Shelley Lambden, Transcriptionist