

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 11, 2025 – 7:00 P.M. BRIDGEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY & ZOOM

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Commissioners of Bridgeville was held on August 11, 2025, at 7:00 PM, at the Bridgeville Public Library, and via Zoom.

The following were present:

John Tomeski

President

Darrynn Harris

President Pro Tempore

Nadine Bravo

Secretary

Tom Moran Robert Dutton Commissioner Commissioner

Bethany DeBussy

Town Manager

Melissa Dill Burke Parker Town Solicitor 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 Harris and seconded by Commissioner Dutton to approve the agenda. Motion carried: 5 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Moran to approve the minutes from July 14th and July 28th, seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion carried: 5 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Commissioners were invited to the upcoming ribbon cutting for Ryan Homes new model home.

Heritage Shores Military Club thanked Commissioners for their donations.

FINANCIALS STATEMENTS:

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

Balance Sheet-

- General Fund-\$194,997.00
- All Accounts \$9,781,914.00

Accounts Receivable - \$1,741,649.62

- Income \$1,813,501.00
- Expenses \$281,763.00

Accounts Payable-

The Town paid bills totaling \$99,522.18 in July.

TOWN REPORTS:

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

CITIZENS PRIVILEGE:

Richard Hagquist, 33 Amandas Teal Drive, expressed concerns about unmarked crosswalks in Phase 1 of Heritage Shores. Mr. Hagquist states the rental properties in Heritage Shores have many rentals with a high turnover rate, he would like tenant lists to be made public from the Rental License Applications. Commissioner Harris requested the reason for the request, he recommended Mr. Hagquist meet his neighbors. Commissioner Moran suggested Mr. Hagquist request the information from the HOA.

Karen Johnson-Kemp, Bridgeville Public Library Director, announced the Library received two grants for more wellness programming "Bride to Wellness," throughout the year. The library staff are looking forward to partnering with the Town for upcoming Delaware 250 events.

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Pat Correll, 421 S. Main Street, requested financial information about the Apple Scrapple Festival. Tammy Williamson, Apple Scrapple Festival Treasurer, responded that Festival meetings are public and held the last Tuesday of the month at the library.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing and Adoption- Establishing a Chapter for Special Events within the Town of Bridgeville

The advertised Public Hearing was opened at 7:48pm. Karen Johnson-Kemp, President of the Apple Scrapple Festival and Library Director, is not opposed to the ordinance, but has questions regarding the ordinance for the major events timeline. Mrs. Kemp proposed the Town consider the title of co-sponsor for the Festival to continue the decades long collaboration. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:54pm. Commissioner Harris reviewed the previous year's costs associated with the festival for the Town services; services include electricity, water, police, advertising, staff, etc., totaling \$28,954.00. Commissioner Moran asked that Mrs. Kemp's questions be answered in the required MOU for major events.

A motion was made to approve the Special Events Ordinance by Commissioner Harris; seconded by Commissioner Bravo. Motion carried: 5 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

Developer's Agreement- Bridgeville Town Center

Town Manager DeBussy asked for the agreement to be tabled at the developer's request.

A motion was made to table the agreement by Commissioner Harris; seconded by Commissioner Bravo. Motion carried: 5 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

Grant-In-Aid/Donations

No new requests received, for donations made.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION/ORDINANCES:

An Ordinance relating to Heritage Shores Street Acceptance Request- Phase 3B, Waterside Drive.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Commissioner Harris thanked staff for their hard work.

Commissioner Dutton announced Williams Chapel will be holding a Family Day on August 15th starting at 2pm.

Commissioner Moran thanked Town Manager DeBussy for bringing attention to the property tax issues.

Commissioner Tomeski thanked the PD for hosting the Back to School event. Commissioner Tomeski thanked the staff for always dealing with the ill-suited anger of residents for the Commission's decisions.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion carried: 5 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

Respectfully submitted.

Nadine Bravo, Commission Secretary

Shelley Lambaen, Transcriptionist