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April 11th, 2011
Town Council Meeting
Hardin Hall

Present: Mayor Michael J Smith, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Robert Atkinson, Councilman BJ Hardin, Councilwoman Christena King, Councilman Earl Chaffinch, Sr., Town Administrator Vikki Prettyman

Meeting Opened at 7:00pm with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from March 14th, 2011 and the Workshop Meeting Minutes from March 21st, 2011 presented in written form; Motion made by BJ Hardin; seconded by Christena King; to accept the minutes from the meeting on March 14th, 2011 and the workshop on March 21st, 2011 in written form; motion passed unanimously.

Police Report-submitted by Chief Cooke read by Commissioner Earl Chaffinch, Sr.

BEDCO-submitted by Spuck Bennett; read by Councilman BJ Hardin

P&Z-No meeting in April.

Unfinished Business:

- Housing/Code-Code Enforcement report submitted by Marcus Trammell; read by BJ Hardin.
 - Mayor requested that Commissioner Hardin pass on to Marcus his appreciation for completing the rental inspections and the Mayor feels Marcus is doing an amazing job.
- Water report-submitted by Brandon Slater; read by Commissioner Bob Atkinson.
 - Commissioner Atkinson requested that the discussion of a new backwash system be added to the agenda to the workshop that will be planned at the end of the meeting.
 - Question regarding the reflectors for the fire hydrants and the Mayor responded that the council will be discussing them at the workshop because we need to change the ordinance.
- Streets- No written report submitted. Commissioner Joseph stated that the paving contract for E Sixth and E Seventh Street is completed. There is an issue but will be fixed as soon as possible.
- Parks & Cemetery-No report at this time.
- Police Report-Commissioner Chaffinch reported additional information from the written report submitted by Chief Cooke.
- Mayor's Report- submitted in writing.



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Commissioner Joseph requested a motion be made giving him the ok to proceed with repair work on W Second and on E Sixth Street for the drainage issues experienced there and the CTF account approved by DelDOT will be used to fund the projects. Councilman Chaffinch motioned approve the work being completed with the CTF DelDOT approved to use to repair W Second Street and E Sixth Street drainage issue; seconded by Councilman Hardin; passed unanimously.

New Business:

The Oath of Office for Councilman Joseph, Councilman Chaffinch, and Mayor Smith administered by Town Administrator Vikki Prettyman.

Mayor Smith nominated Russell Joseph as Vice-President of Council, nomination accepted by Mr. Joseph. Motion to approve Mr. Joseph as the Vice-President of Council by Councilman Chaffinch; seconded by Councilman Atkinson; motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Smith stated he wished the appointments for commissioners to stay the same. Motion made by Councilman Hardin; seconded by Councilwoman King; motion passed unanimously.

Reappointment of Town Solicitor; motion to retain Jim Yori of Fuqua, Yori, and Willard in Georgetown, Delaware, by Councilwoman King; seconded by Councilman Chaffinch, passed unanimously.

Appointment of Town Assessor; motion made by Councilman Joseph; seconded by Councilman Chaffinch for the Town Administrator to send out RFP's for new town assessor; motion passed unanimously. Currently, Larry Monihan will continue with assessments till new assessor is appointed.

Resolution 2011.04.11 R-01: Resolution for applying for grant/loan funding through USDA program. Motion to approve by Councilman Hardin; seconded Councilman Joseph; passed unanimously.

Bids for cutting and trimming the cemetery:

Affordable Mowing, Delmar, Delaware	\$215.00 per cut
Venables Construction, Laurel, Delaware	\$600.00 per cut

Workshop scheduled for Monday April 18th, 2011 at 7pm agenda is as follows:

- Backwash system for the water plant
- Backhoe: financing
- Ordinance 411 amendments



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Good of the Community:

Steve Brock talked to Councilman Hardin regarding the rub-railing at the marina. Councilman Hardin stated he will be contacting Roland at the marina regarding the issue.

Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman King, Mayor closed the meeting at 7:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vikki Prettyman
Town Administrator