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Council Approved
May 13th, 2013

April 8th, 2013
Town Council Meeting
Hardin Hall

Present: Mayor Michael J Smith, Vice-Mayor Russell Joseph, Councilman Robert Atkinson, Councilman Earl Chaffinch, Sr., Councilman John Reiss, Councilman David Ruff, Town Administrator Vikki Prettyman

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

Minutes from March 11th, 2013; motion by Councilman Joseph to accept the minutes in written form; seconded by Councilman Chaffinch; motion carried.

Police Report - submitted by Chief Cooke read by Commissioner Chaffinch.

BEDCO – No Minutes available at the time of the meeting.

P&Z – No meeting was held in April.

Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – Code Report Submitted & Attached in the minutes.
- Water report - submitted by Brandon Slater; read by Commissioner Atkinson.
- Streets – No written report submitted at this time. Chesapeake Utilities is still in town working on the gas mains. Commissioner Joseph said he wasn't pleased with some of the patch work that has been completed. He will be addressing that with the company once the work has been completed to make sure that all the patch work is satisfactory to the town's standards.
- Parks & Cemetery – Report submitted in writing.
- Police Report – No further information to report.
- Mayor's Report- Report Submitted in writing.

New Business:

Oath of office given to Mayor Michael J Smith, Councilman Russell T Joseph, and Councilman Earl E Chaffinch, Sr..

Mayor Smith nominated Russell T Joseph for Vice Mayor. Motion for Russell T Joseph for Vice Mayor made by Councilman Chaffinch; seconded by Councilman Reiss; motion passed.

Cemetery Lawn Care bids: the town received two bids; Affordable Lawn Care \$220 per cut and Distinctive Landscaping \$199 per cut. Motion made by Councilman Joseph to accept the bid by



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Distinctive Landscaping for \$199 per cut; motion seconded by Councilman Ruff; motion passed.

Motion to continue using Fuqua, Yori, and Willard and Tim Willard as the Town Solicitor made by Councilman Ruff; seconded by Councilman Joseph; motion passed.

Motion to continue using Tidewater Properties, Larry Monihan, as the town assessor on a temporary basis made by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Joseph; motion passed.

Submersible Pump work to be completed by AC Schultes; Well #2 \$7759; motion to have the work completed by Councilman Joseph; seconded by Councilman Ruff; motion to approve the work to be completed on well #2; motion passed.

The Mayor announced the town will be receiving 75% of the costs accrued by Hurricane Sandy back from the Public Assistance Grant from FEMA.

Council is requesting a workshop for April 29th at 6:30pm. The agenda is as follows...

- Putting a package together for park equipment for grant funding requests
- Delaware Water Mutual Agreement
- 1st Quarter Budget Review
- New tables and chairs for Hardin Hall
- Police

Good of the Community:

David questioned the power poles that are still up all throughout town....why?

BEDCO would like to have the 2 cell jail that is at the Passwaters house. BEDCO will take the jail and from what we have been told refurb and keep in the marina for historical purposes. This is a part of Blades history!

The fire signals are working well on High Street; will be addressing the issue with the River Road signal.

Sunday April 14th the Nanticoke River Marina will sponsor the River Festival with vendors and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Open invitation to all.

Mr. Dejewski would like to thank the Mayor and the Police Chief for the communication on the police activity throughout town. All though it has been since Thanksgiving, the Chief has finally communicated with him and will be receiving the monthly reports of the activity. Thank you.



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Mayor closed the meeting at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vikki Prettyman
Town Administrator