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@Council Meeting September 9th, 2013

**APPROVED**

August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
Town Council Meeting  
Hardin Hall

Present: Mayor Michael J Smith, Councilman 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 July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Council Meeting; motion to accept in written form by Councilman Joseph; seconded by Councilman Chaffinch; motion passed. Minutes from the June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Council Workshop; motion to accept in written form by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Ruff; motion accepted.

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

BEDCO – No minutes available at the time of this meeting...

P&Z – No meeting held. Commissioner Reiss stated that the demo on the Calloway property at 11 E Seventh Street to start on Wednesday; grant funds received to offset cost; \$5000.00.

#### Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – Code Report Submitted & Attached in the minutes.
- Water report - submitted by Brandon Slater; read by Commissioner Atkinson.
- Streets – Report not in writing. Commissioner Joseph stated that DelDOT has been in and placed a metal culvert to repair the storm drain that collapsed. They packed in crush n run and will wait till all has settled. Russell spoke with Jeff Revel with DelDOT. Once settled they will be back in.
- Parks & Cemetery – Report submitted in writing.
- Police Report – No further information to report.
- Mayor's Report - Report submitted in writing.

#### New Business:

- Street Patching and Sidewalk Patching with portion covered by MSAF
  - **Synopsis:** Commissioner Joseph has received quotes for the asphalt patching and the sidewalk patching
  - Sidewalk Patching:
    - Lee Masonry \$2260.00 & Palmers \$1650; motion to approve bid from Palmers for \$1650 by Councilman Joseph; seconded by Councilman



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Chaffinch; motion passed.

- Street Patching:
  - Schrock & Sons \$5040 & Delmarva Paving \$5481; since bids received 2 additional spots need to be patched; motion to approve bid from Schrock & Sons with the additional spots added to bid by Councilman Joseph; seconded by Councilman Ruff; motion passed.
- Easements: Councilman Joseph stated the easements have been drafted and waiting on property owners to agree and sign.
- Credit Card Research
  - *Synopsis*: Review information obtained by the Town Administrator for accepting credit cards in-house vs. online costs and only accepting credit cards online only
  - After a discussion on the companies used by other towns, the state, and the county; a motion to accept a contract with Govolution for online acceptance of credit cards by Councilman Ruff; seconded by Councilman Reiss; motion passed.
- Ordinance Amendments
  - *Synopsis*: Amending the fines & penalties on Ordinances 412 & 416
  - Second reading of Ordinance amendments to 412 & 416
- Thank you letter received from The American Parkinson Disease Association for the donation in memory of Donald Pogwist.

Good of the Community:

Mr. Strother's from 201 S Cannon Street regarding complaints on the police department not following through with a police report on items stolen from his home.

Workshop scheduled the agenda is the budget on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 7pm.

Councilman Ruff stated that the breakfast at the fire hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month from 8am to 11am. Also, the fire company is holding a raffle for gift cards. Contact the fire company for further information. Smoke detectors are available at the fire hall for free with batteries. The Mayor asked Councilman Ruff about the file of life/medical information packets; anyone interested please get with the EMT on duty at the fire company.

Annexation Committee meeting schedule for September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:30pm.

Mayor closed the meeting at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vikki Prettyman  
Town Administrator