



Town of Blades  
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MINUTES  
APPROVED  
BY COUNCIL  
10/14/2013

September 9<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 August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Council Meeting; motion to accept in written form by Councilman Joseph; seconded by Councilman Ruff; motion passed.

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.

#### 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 thanked Council for visiting him in the hospital and all the concern and get well wishes. The concrete sidewalk patching is complete and the blacktop patching should begin shortly; the contractor has been busy. The paving of Fourth Street is on the contractor's agenda but they also have been busy. The easement paperwork has been completed and awaiting recording with the county.
- Parks & Cemetery – Report submitted in writing.
- Police Report – No further information to report.
- Mayor's Report - Report submitted in writing.

#### New Business:

- New Meter at the Elementary School
  - Synopsis: The current water meter is not reading the accurate flow. The town is reviewing a new meter to replace current meter in order to have accurate readings.
  - This item will be brought up at a later date due to additional research.
- Ordinance Amendments:
  - Synopsis: Amending the fines & penalties on Ordinances 412 & 416
  - Third and Final Reading of Ordinances 412 & 416; after the Town Administrator read Ordinance 412; motion to accept by Councilman Reiss, seconded by Councilman Chaffinch; amendment passed unanimously. After the Town Administrator ready



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Ordinance 416; motion to accept by Councilman Reiss, seconded by Councilman Joseph; amendment passed unanimously.

Good of the Community:

Mayor announced that the public hearing for the expansion of Blades Sanitary Sewer District is at Sussex County Council Chambers at 10:30am.

Judy Evans thanked council for painting of the hall, looks great.

Councilman Atkinson motioned for Council to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue; Council agreed and entered into session at 7:27pm.

Council concluded Executive Session at 7:44pm.

Mayor closed the meeting at 7:44pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vikki".

Vikki Prettyman  
Town Administrator