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APPROVED

12/09/2013

November 11th, 2013
Town Council Meeting
Hardin Hall

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

Absent: Mayor Michael J Smith

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

Minutes from October 14th, 2013 Council Meeting; motion to accept in written form by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Chaffinch; 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 in November.

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. Drainage work will begin shortly, still waiting on the paperwork to be processed with the state. Christmas lights will go up tomorrow. Russell would like to thank everyone for the calls and cards of concern. He appreciates it.
- Parks & Cemetery – Report submitted in writing and read by Commissioner Ruff
- Police Report – No further information to report.
- Mayor's Report – No report this month.

New Business:

- Christmas Light Contest
 - **Synopsis:** Christmas Light Contest. The Parks Commissioner will assign a judge to go around town to judge the lights on homes, document address, and take pictures. The council should set a week in which judging will occur. The prizes in the past were cash. 1st place \$100.00, 2nd place \$50.00, 3rd place \$25.00. The announcement of the winners will be posted on the website and at the January Council Meeting. Motion to approve by Councilman Ruff; motioned seconded by Councilman Reiss; motion accepted. Councilman Atkinson asked to be removed from the voting due to being a Councilman.



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Good of the Community:

Will the town have a Veterans Day Celebration? With the new flags the memorial looks good. Conversation continued with the fact that Seaford has a service it's difficult to get participation from the color guards. The town will start early with planning and also the town does plan to have a flag day in June 2014. The planning will start early and publicized with plenty of notice.

Workshop scheduled for November 26th, 2013 at 6:30pm.

Councilman Atkinson and Councilman Ruff both discussed the 100th year anniversary in 2015 and that a committee needs to be formed as soon as possible for planning.

Fire Company annual drive with donations being accepted at the fire hall and raffle tickets being sold \$10.00 for the 31 days of Christmas with prizes being drawn every day.

Fire Company breakfast is the 1st Sunday of every month.

Vice-Mayor closed the meeting at 7:24pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vikki Prettyman
Town Administrator