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***Town Council Meeting  
Hardin Hall  
7:00PM  
June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014***

Present: Mayor Michael J. Smith, Councilman Russell Joseph, Councilman Robert Atkinson, Councilman John Reiss, Councilman David Ruff; Town Administrator Vikki Prettyman

Absent: Councilman Earl Chaffinch, Sr.,

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

Minutes from May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Town Council Meeting; motion to accept in written form by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Joseph; motion passed.

Police Report – submitted by Chief Cooke

BEDCO – No minutes available at the time of this meeting...As soon as I receive them they will post on the website.

P&Z – No meeting minutes submitted as of the date of this meeting, will be posted once received.

**Committee Reports:**

- Housing/Code – Code Report Submitted & Attached in the minutes.
- Water report - submitted by Brandon Slater; read by Commissioner Atkinson. Commissioner report submitted in writing.
- Parks & Cemetery – Commissioner Ruff stated that the contractor for the cemetery grass and trimming are doing a good job. The town planted trees at the fire company in honor of members of the fire company and ladies auxiliary members that passed away. The town received grant funding for trees in the park and Blades Elementary first graders helped plant the trees with the Delaware Forestry Department. Received complaints about vehicles parking inside the park fences and of bicycle bullies not getting out of the way of the cars and vehicles speeding at and by the school. Also going to schedule an Anniversary Committee Meeting.
- Streets - Commissioner Joseph stated that he is getting quotes for the road patching will discuss under new business.
- Police Report – No further information to report.
- Mayor's Report – Written report submitted. Arbor Day at the Park.



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❖ New Business:

- Back Up Well: May call Executive Session
  - Jason Loar from DBF present for discussion; needs recommendation to move forward with new back up well location; Councilman Atkinson asked if we will incur additional fees from the permitting; Mr. Loar stated that this is an alteration to the permit; Councilman Joseph asked if this change will affect our existing aquifer: Mr. Loar said we are using the same aquifer; Councilman Atkinson stated that it's the drawdowns if we use all three wells at the same time; Mayor stated that that has happened once where we had to use both wells at one time; Councilman Atkinson motioned to move forward with moving the back up well location to Hardin Hall; seconded by Councilman Reiss; motion accepted.
  - Mr. Loar stated that he will call the electrician; will contact DNREC about use of the existing monitor and test well for their uses.
- Councilman Joseph discussed the patching for the water leaks, talked with State Representative Short for funding assistance. The Town Administrator will forward the bids to Mr. Short for review and assistance.
- Councilman Joseph also addressed a complaint from Bill Thomas regarding the manhole cover in his court; it's a sewer manhole cover and Councilman Joseph will discuss with someone at the county.

❖ Good of the Community:

- Flag Day will be held Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Blades Park
- August 5<sup>th</sup> will be the Blades Night Out in Blades Park
- Bill Thomas spoke and appreciates Councilman Joseph looking at the manhole situation
- Bill Thomas commented that someone needs to have a heart to heart with the recruit about our tax base; he asked who was on the panel that hired him; comment from council if we were building things would be better, that the economy has been detrimental to growth.
- BEDCO – BJ stated that the comments were they run the marina but the town leases from the state and we in turn lease to them for in-kind donations; it's been this way and someone needs to be reminded of such; that he will have a discussion at the next meeting.

Workshop schedule for 7pm on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Hardin Hall; agenda to include back-up well, upcoming academy class, financials year to date; parking situation on High and W Second; HB 81.

Anniversary Committee meeting scheduled for 6:30pm June 17<sup>th</sup> at Hardin Hall.



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Annexation Committee meeting to be scheduled after attendees have reviewed their calendar.

No further comments.

Mayor closed the meeting at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vikki Prettyman  
Town Administrator