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***Town Council Meeting
Hardin Hall
7:00PM
July 14th, 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 June 9th, 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; read by Mayor Smith

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

P&Z – Minutes submitted; read by Commissioner Reiss

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 someone vandalized the flags at the park, they cut the cord and the American flag was laying on the ground, they also broke several of the poles and flags of the military branches and the POW flag; this was cleaned up and new flags ordered and received; damage was done to the picnic tables; camera is up and working from what he believes but hasn't had any communication with the Chief to know for sure; he has concerns with the problems going on at the park and also why the Chief hasn't talked with the citizens around the park to see if they saw who may have been responsible for the flag desecration; he hopes that these problems will be resolved soon.
- Streets - Commissioner Joseph stated they have been maintain the road patches and have turned the bids into State Representative Short and he will be funding them and the ditch work. The town is currently working on the easements for the ditch work.
- Police Report – No further information to report.
- Mayor's Report – Written report submitted. Attended the SCAT meeting; went to Dover for the end of the session to keep up on the bond bill and the final bills be presented.



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❖ New Business:

- No new business to present.

❖ Good of the Community:

- Presented to Boy Scout Cub Scout Pack 182 a certificate of appreciation for the Flag Day Retirement Ceremony on June 14th, 2014 at the Blades Park.
- Jerry, owner of Uncle Willies, asked if there were something he could have done different with the parking situation at Riverfest on Friday and Saturday; the Mayor suggested more signs and making them more visible. Jerry says it's simply a liability issue and he can't have anyone parking in the lot if they are attending Riverfest. The council made the suggestions of bigger and more visible signs for next year. Councilman Reiss stated that if he is going to enforce this it should also be all the time; Mayor also suggested if they are going to town it needs to be proper and should go to the impound yard and to make sure he calls the EOC to report that he towed a vehicle.
- Bill Thomas complained about the traffic as a result of Riverfest. He stated they needed to move it to West Seaford. Councilman Ruff stated that it is Riverfest it is to be held near the river. Mr. Thomas was adamant about the fact that Riverfest shuts 13A down and that needs to stop.
- Cathy Shufelt asked what the ordinances and regulations are for dirt bikes and four wheelers in town. Mayor stated that they aren't allowed. The ages for use of these are regulated by the Division of Motor Vehicles/DeIDOT.
- Bill Thomas had a question for Councilman Joseph regarding the sewer manhole cover; Councilman Joseph stated he contacted someone with the county but no one that he knows of has come out to look at it.

Motion made by Councilman Reiss to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue; seconded by Councilman Ruff; motion passed; Council meeting on hold as of 7:36pm.

At 7:54pm council returned to the council meeting from Executive Session.

Councilman Reiss motioned to move forward with the conditional offer of employment to Victor Matos; seconded by Councilman Atkinson; motion passed. The Chief is directed to begin the background checks and getting Mr. Matos ready to enter the September 8th State Police Academy.

No further comments.

Mayor closed the meeting at 7:57pm.



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Respectfully Submitted,

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