Town of Blades
OFFICE OF MAYOR & COUNCIL
20 W Fourth Street
Blades, Delaware 19973-4122
(P) 302.629.7366 (F) 302.629.0199

Council Workshop
September 29, 2014
Hardin Hall 6:30PM

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

- Back Up Well: T/A brought up the offer from DNREC of $45K and $15K from Senator Venables for a CTF approved project. We don't have a budgeted project at this time that funding would cover. Council wants the Mayor, Commissioner Atkinson, and T/A to attend a meeting with Secretary Smalls and Senator Venables. The T/A will contact Senator Venables and Secretary Smalls for available dates for a meeting and will get back with the Mayor and Commissioner.

- Annexation: Discussion regarding contact with Royal Farms; T/A stated that the forms were emailed and contact was made but T/A has yet to hear back from them. Commissioner Atkinson stated that the manager wants the drinking water and the sewer but has yet to talk to corporate about it. We have to get the word out more and there has to be more discussion. Schedule a public meeting for November 5th, 2014 at 7pm at Hardin Hall. Get notifications out and letter to all property owners. Talk to our Senators (State and Federal) and our Representatives (State and Federal).

- Budget: Mayor stated that Transfer tax income is down. That we know one house is going to closing and if it sells we will more than likely remain under the $20K threshold for the grant from Sussex Count on the Transfer Tax Share. Mayor stated to all council members to review the income and expense for each department and get with T/A with any questions. At the council meeting in October another workshop will be scheduled.

- Automatic light sensors in the park bathroom: work order to research cost and installation.

- Energy Grants for Solar Power: T/A will research.

Mayor closed the meeting at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vikki Prettyman
Town Administrator