



Town of Blades
OFFICE OF MAYOR & COUNCIL
20 W Fourth Street
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June 8th, 2015
Annual Council Meeting
7PM @ Hardin Hall

AGENDA

- ❖ Lord's Prayer
- ❖ The Pledge of Allegiance
- ❖ Minutes from previous meeting
- ❖ Police Report
- ❖ Report from BEDCO
- ❖ Report from Planning and Zoning
- ❖ Unfinished Business:
 - Committee Reports:
 - Housing
 - Water
 - Street
 - Parks & Cemeteries
 - Police
 - Mayor's Report
- ❖ New Business:
 - Annexation Resolution
 - Recommendation to appoint Michael J Smith to the P&Z Board
 - Anniversary Festival Feedback
- ❖ Good of the Community
- ❖ Adjournment

*****DURING THE COURSE OF THE COUNCIL MEETING, COUNCIL OR MAYOR MAY CALL AN EXECUTIVE SESSION***Pursuant to Title 29 Chapter 100 Section 10004(b)**

*****AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE*****

*****AGENDA ITEMS LISTED MAY BE CONSIDERED OUT OF SEQUENCE*****



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In accordance with 29 Del. C. §10004(e)(2), this agenda was posted on June 1st, 2015 @ 4:55PM; and at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting; on the website and the community board at Town Hall. Updated on June 8th, 2015.

This Agenda was prepared by the Town Administrator and is subject to change to include the addition or deletion of items, including Executive Sessions, which arise at the time of the Meeting.

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BLADES POLICE DEPARTMENT
BLADES, DELAWARE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Robert Atkinson
Mayor of Blades

FROM: Chief Edwin C. Cooke *EC*
Chief of Police

THROUGH: Mr. Lee Benningfield
Police Commissioner

SUBJECT: **Monthly Report May 2015**

DATE: June 8, 2015

Traffic and Criminal Activity Statistics:

Traffic Arrest: (56) Criminal Arrest: (3)

DUI Arrest: (0) Criminal Complaints: (77) (31)

29P Local Fugitive (3) Domestic Related (8)

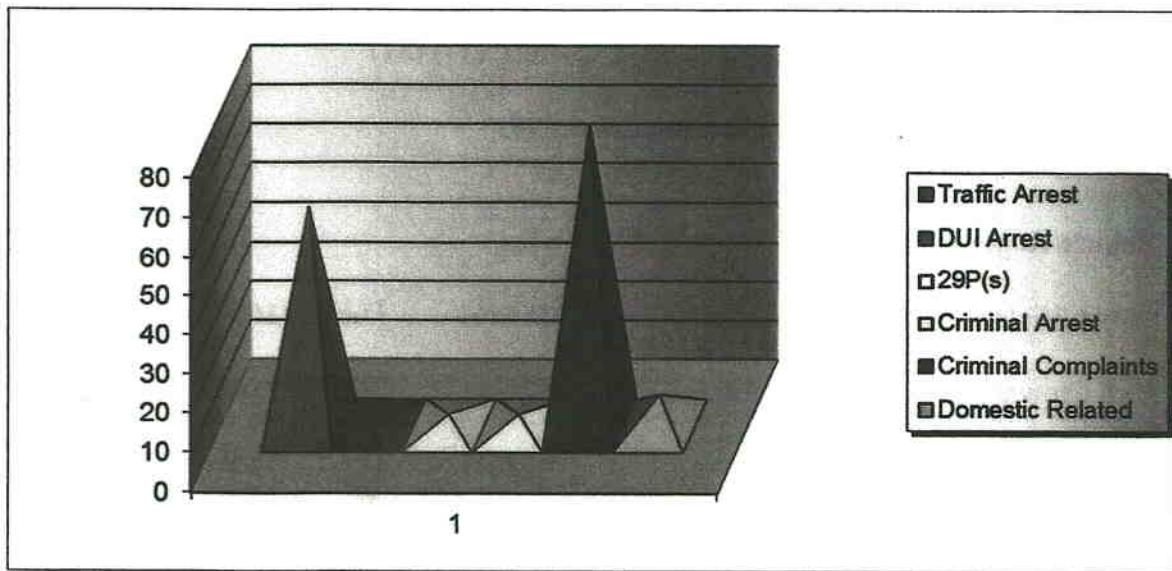
Vehicle Report

Crown Victoria 2001	Mileage	(135646)	Fuel	(15)
Ford Crown Vic 2009	Mileage	(75729)	Fuel	(100)
Dodge Durango (2005)	Mileage	(170861)	Fuel	(160) (25.6) 2 Mos.
Hummer (1993)	Mileage	(18505)	Fuel	(0)
Hummer (1978)	Mileage	(23500)	Fuel	(0)

Significant Event:

1. During the week of May 11 – 15, 2015, Chief Edwin Cooke attended three Master Firearms Instructor courses at the Sig Sauer Academy in Epping, NH. The three disciplines of instruction were the pistol, patrol rifle and the shotgun.
2. During the weekend May 15 -17, 2015, the Blades Police Department [Ptlm. John Thompson & Ptlm. Victor Matos] participated in the Blades 100th Anniversary Festival and on Saturday, May 16, 2015, Blades PD was present at the Church of God Community Day [Clarence Street] in Seaford, Delaware.
3. During the days of May 18-21, 2015, Chief Edwin Cooke attended the Delaware Chiefs’ Council Summer Conference held at the Atlantic Sands Hotel in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.
4. Patrol Victor A. Matos 9208 completed the mandatory field training portion of his police academy training and is assigned a regular traffic patrol schedule. The assignment change took place effective Sunday, May 31, 2015.

Traffic Arrests	DUI Arrests	29P(s)	Criminal Arrests	Criminal Complaint	Domestic Related
56	0	3	3	77	8



Town of Blades
Planning & Zoning
Meeting Minutes
Date _5/4/2015

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Commissioners Present: Lee Benningfield, Ray Hastings, Robert Hutton, William Messenger, John Reiss

Public Present:

Judy Schwartz George Miles,& Burr
Teresa McVidur Regional Builders

Meeting Called to order at 7:00 PM__ by Chairman Reiss

Old Business

None

New Business

Final plans for the Blades Volunteer Fire Company's new Fire House were reviewed. Motion by Hutton to approve plans; Second by Benningfield; Passed

Lee Benningfield announced his resignation. Since his election to Town Council, he is no longer permitted to serve on the Commission. By rule, only one Councilman (Chairman Reiss) may serve on the commission.

Motion to adjourn by _Messenger: Passed.

Submitted by

William W. Messenger
Commissioner



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Code Enforcement Report

May 2015

Compliant-1

Ordinance # 416 Abandoned Vehicle- 1

Ordinance # 330 Trash -3

Ordinance # 410 Grass – 5

Ordinance # 412 Swimming Pool- 3

Mileage 12361



Town of Blades

Inspection, Repair & Maintenance Record

Vehicle Identification

MONTH Apr 12 15

Tire Size _____

2013 CHEVY SONIC

WEEKLY SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE	WEEK FOUR	WEEK FIVE	CHECK COMPLETED BY INITIALS
CHECK OIL	4 27 15 ✓	5 4 15 ✓	5 11 15 ✓	5 18 15 ✓	5 26 15 ✓	MT
CHECK ANTI-FREEZE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	MT
CHECK TIRES	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	MT
CHECK TIRE PRESSURE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	MT
CHECK OTHER FLUIDS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	MT
CHECK SIGNAL LIGHTS/BRAKE LIGHTS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	MT
MILEAGE	11743	11853	11900	12013	12092	MT

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Town of Blades
Water & Maintenance Department

Month/Year: May 2015

Vehicle 1: 2008 GMC Sierra Monthly Total Fuel: \$221.83

Starting Mileage: 57,880 Ending Mileage: 58,610 Total Mileage: 730

Vehicle 2: 1995 Ford F250 Monthly Total Fuel: \$120.03

Starting Mileage: 76,779 Ending Mileage: 77,039 Total Mileage: 260

Vehicle 3: 1995 Chevy D/T Monthly Total Fuel: N/A

Starting Mileage: 22,058 Ending Mileage: 22,059 Total Mileage: 1

Maintenance 1: Gas Cans Monthly Total Fuel: \$62.45

Maintenance 2: Backhoe Monthly Total Fuel: 113.00 Total Hours: 331

Complaints: 1 Disconnects: 3 Reconnects: 2

After Hour Calls: 1 After Hour Response: 0

Town Water Leaks: 0 Other Water Leaks: 0

Water Pumped for Month:	Well #1: <u>1,246,200</u> Gallons	Hours: <u>154.70</u>
	Well #2: <u>1,058,700</u> Gallons	Hours: <u>138.10</u>
	Well #3: <u>1,210,297</u> Gallons	Hours: <u>138.70</u>
	Total: <u>3,515,197</u> Gallons	Hours: <u>431.50</u>

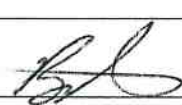
Actual meter reading date: _____

Chemicals Ordered: Caustic Soda: 0 Gallons Chlorine: 0 Gallons

Corrosion Control: 0 Gallons Permanganate: 0 lbs.

Fluoride: 0 lbs.

Snow plowing: N/A Hours Salt spreading: N/A Hours

Comments: _____


Brandon Slater, DE Water Operator #10

DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH
OFFICE OF DRINKING WATER PROGRAM
WATER WORKS REPORT

Town of Blades

Supply Name _____ PWSID# 865 Month May Year 2015

Date	Time	Sample Point	Fluoride lbs. or GPD	mg/l.	Chlorine lbs. or GPD	Res. - mg/L Treated Water	pH Treated Water	Turbidity Surface Water Only	Other	Remarks
1	11:00	plant	2026	0.81		0.87	6.5	0.08	MCS-	
2	12:00	plant	2025	0.79		0.90	6.4	0.11	0.05	
3	11:05	plant	2024	0.83		0.85	6.5	0.09	0.05	
4	1:00	plant	2026	1.10		1.19	6.5	0.12	0.05	
5	1:28	plant	2027	0.79		1.18	6.1	0.11	0.00	
6	5:50	plant	2027	1.10		1.31	6.3	0.00	0.65	
7	1:20	plant	2027	0.97		1.25	6.3	0.02	0.05	
8	1:10	plant	2027	0.71		1.16	6.3	0.05	0.04	
9	10:30	plant	2027	0.85		1.04	6.3	0.06	0.05	
10	1:05	plant	2027	0.73		1.19	6.4	0.03	0.05	
11	11:25	plant	2028	0.84		1.13	6.2	0.13	0.00	
12	1:10	plant	2028	0.77		1.12	6.3	0.09	0.00	
13	3:00	plant	2028	0.78		1.02	6.3	0.11	0.00	
14	11:15	plant	2028	0.74		1.00	6.3	0.05	0.01	
15	9:06	plant	2028	0.76		0.77	6.4	0.08	0.05	
16	11:40	plant	2028	0.80		0.76	6.4	0.07	0.05	
17	10:05	plant	2029	0.77		1.22	6.3	0.09	0.05	
18	12:00	plant	2029	0.80		1.02	6.4	0.10	0.05	
19	11:25	plant	2027	0.82		0.85	6.3	0.07	0.00	
20	10:55	plant	2030	0.88		0.95	6.3	0.04	0.00	
21	11:15	plant	2030	0.90		0.87	6.4	0.08	0.00	
22	11:15	plant	2030	0.89		0.91	6.4	0.08	0.03	
23	10:25	plant	2031	0.92		0.97	6.4	0.05	0.02	
24	12:15	plant	2031	0.87		0.95	6.4	0.07	0.01	
25	12:00	plant	2031	0.87		0.90	6.4	0.08	0.04	
26	11:00	plant	2032	1.09		0.92	6.3	0.06	0.01	
27	1:00	plant	2032	0.87		0.94	6.3	0.06	0.00	
28	1:00	plant	2033	0.80		1.17	6.3	0.05	0.01	
29	1:00	plant	2033	0.88		0.92	6.3	0.08	0.05	
30	8:20	plant	2033	0.81		0.87	6.3	0.08	0.00	
31	1:50	plant	2033	0.84		0.97	6.3	0.09	0.01	

Signature _____
Division of Public Health
Office of Drinking Water
Blue Hen Corporate Center
655 Bay Road, Suite 203
Dover, DE 19901

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Town of Blades
Monthly Well Reading Report

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Month of May Year 2015

Day	Well #1 GPM	Hours On	Well#2 GPM	Hours On	Well#3 GPM	Hours On	Backwash Check	Initials
1	2414454	447.3	2399 824	389.9	1548974	206.6	✓	J
2	2414454	447.3	2400597	400.0	1548974	206.6	✓	J
3	2414454	447.3	2400597	400.0	1633250	216.2	✓	J
4	2415472	459.9	2400597	400.0	1633250	216.2	✓	J
5	2415700	462.8	2400597	400.0	1769603	232.1	✓	J
6	2415700	462.8	2401381	409.9	1769603	232.1	✓	J
7	2415700	462.8	2401752	415.6	1844465	243.0	✓	J
8	2416205	468.8	2401752	415.6	1844465	243.0	✓	J
9	2416534	472.9	2402771	428.3	1844465	243.0	✓	J
10	2416534	472.9	2402771	428.3	1973057	255.4	✓	J
11	2418057	492.0	2402771	428.3	1973057	255.4	✓	J
12	2418251	494.5	2403748	440.8	1973057	255.4	✓	J
13	2419845	514.0	2403748	440.8	1976027	255.7	✓	J
14	2419847	514.0	2404770	454.1	1976027	255.7	✓	J
15	2419847	514.0	2404984	457.0	2067041	266.0	✓	J
16	2421061	529.1	2404984	457.0	2109883	270.9	✓	J
17	2421248	531.6	2405704	466.3	2109883	270.9	✓	J
18	2621248	531.6	2405587	470.1	2214222	282.7	✓	BS
19	2422215	543.6	2405587	470.1	2242799	286.1	✓	J
20	2422215	543.6	2406934	482.3	2244211	296.2	✓	J
21	2422215	543.6	2407168	485.4	2351566	298.6	✓	J
22	2423122	554.7	2407168	485.4	2367745	300.5	✓	J
23	2423193	555.5	2408063	497.1	2367745	300.5	✓	J
24	2423193	555.5	2408063	497.1	2505197	314.4	✓	J
25	2424342	569.7	2408063	497.1	2508271	316.8	✓	J
26	2424444	571.6	2408227	512.4	2508271	316.8	✓	J
27	2424444	571.6	2409447	515.4	2530495	330.6	✓	J
28	2625833	588.4	2409447	515.4	2638065	331.5	✓	BS
29	2425832	589.0	2409447	515.4	2723328	341.1	✓	J
30	2426722	599.5	2409447	515.4	2759271	345.3	✓	J
31	2426916	602.0	2410411	528.0	2759271	345.3	✓	J
Total	13246200	1547.0	1022200	138.10	1210210	135.7		

Total Gallons 3515,147

Total Hours 431.5

Town OF Blades
 Monthly Effluent Flow Meter Report

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Month of May

Year 2015

Day	Effluent Flow Meter	Initials
1	52545388	JW
2	52553714	JW
3	52561737	JW
4	52571717	JW
5	52586578	JW
6	52595022	JW
7	52608431	JW
8	52613377	JW
9	52627100	JW
10	52637404	JW
11	52652325	JW
12	52664426	JW
13	52680210	JW
14	52691403	JW
15	52702247	JW
16	52718148	JW
17	52727722	JW
18	52740743	BS
19	52752532	JW
20	52762513	JW
21	52775572	JW
22	52785546	JW
23	52796257	JW
24	52809257	JW
25	52820841	JW
26	52834557	JW
27	52846857	JW
28	528621283	BS
29	52870873	JW
30	52882453	JW
31	52894687	JW
Total	344,2990	

Total Gallons 3492,990

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Parks and Cemetery Report

Cemetery:

Reports of items being stolen from graves, police notified.

Parks:

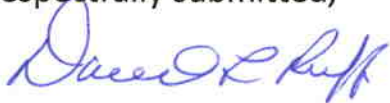
I would like to say Thanks all those that were involved in the preparations of the park for our Anniversary Celebration.

Heard report of a person sleeping in the park.

Flag Day Sunday, June 14th at 6:30pm

Looking into a possibility of having a Movie Night in the Park, if there is interest.

Respectfully submitted,



David L. Ruff, Parks and Cemetery Commissioner



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Annexation Committee Report to Council June 8th, 2015

The annexation committee recommends moving forward with the annexation of the contiguous properties requesting annexation into town limits. The committee understands that in order to grow our revenue the town needs to expand outward towards the highway. The highway brings many opportunities for growth and an increase in the revenue for the town which will greatly benefit our community.

The committee met on May 7th, 2015 to discuss this recommendation to council and all members in attendance agreed to move forward with recommending to the council in the affirmative of annexation.

Currently the town has six (6) applications for annexation with two (2) properties not being contiguous.

Per the charter: Section 3. Annexation of Territory (b)

(b) Not later than ninety (90) days following its appointment by the Mayor, as aforesaid, the committee shall submit a written report containing its findings and conclusions to the Mayor and Town Council. The report so submitted shall include the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed annexation both to the Town and to the territory proposed to be annexed and shall contain the committee's recommendations whether or not to proceed with the proposed annexation and the reasons therefore. In the event that the committee appointed by the Mayor concludes that the proposed annexation is advantageous both to the Town and to the territory proposed to be annexed, within thirty (30) days after receiving the report, a second resolution shall then be passed by the Town Council proposing to the property owners and residents of both the Town and the territory proposed to be annexed that the Town proposes to annex certain territory contiguous to its then limits and territory. In the event that the committee appointed by the Mayor concludes that the proposed annexation is disadvantageous either to the Town or to the territory proposed to be annexed, within thirty (30) days after receiving the report of the committee, the resolution proposing to the property owners and residents of both the Town and the territory proposed to be annexed shall be passed by the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the elected members of the Town Council. If the resolution shall fail to receive the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the elected members of the Town Council, the territory proposed to be annexed shall not again be considered for annexation for a period of one year from the date that the resolution failed to receive the required affirmative vote. The second resolution shall contain a description of the territory proposed to be annexed and shall fix a time and place for a public hearing on the subject of the proposed annexation. The resolution adopted by the Town Council setting forth the above information shall be printed in a newspaper published in The Town of Blades at least one week prior to the date set for the public hearing, or, if no newspaper is published in the Town, publication shall be had in a newspaper having a general circulation both in the Town and in the territory proposed to be annexed, or, at the discretion of the Town Council the said resolution shall be posted in five (5) public places both in the Town and in the territory proposed to be annexed.

The committee now recommends a resolution be submitted to council on July 13th, 2015 listing the territory proposed to be annexed.

Sincerely,

John Reiss

David Ruff

Russell Joseph

BJ Hardin



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Town of Blades
Resolution R2013.05.13 R01-8 (Extension ONLY)
Appointing Annexation Committee

WHEREAS, the town has received written petition from property owners wishing to be annexed into the town limits;

WHEREAS, according to the Town of Blades Town Charter section 3A; the Mayor shall appoint a committee composed of not less than three (3) of the elected members of the Town Council to investigate the possibility of annexation;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Town of Blades Town Charter section 3B, the appointed committee, no later than ninety (90) days following its appointment by the Mayor, the committee shall submit a written report containing its finding and conclusions to the Mayor and Town Council. Said report shall include the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed annexation both to the Town and to the territory proposed to be annexed and shall contain the committee's recommendations whether or not to proceed with the proposed annexation and the reasons therefore.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor of the Town of Blades appoints the following elected officials to the Annexation Committee:

John Reiss
David Ruff

Russell Joseph
BJ Hardin

AND BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that this committee appointed on May 13th, 2013, will adhere to the Town of Blades Town Charter Section 3; extended re-appointed on August 13th, 2013; again on November 13th, 2013; extended on February 13th 2014; May 12th 2014; August 11th, 2014; November 10th, 2014; February 9th, 2015; May 11th, 2015 due to the extensive research and organization of said annexation.

Robert W. Atkinson
Robert Atkinson, Mayor

Attest: Vikki Prettyman
Vikki Prettyman, Town Administrator



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Planning & Zoning Commission Appointments

Secretary, William Messenger, term to expire July 2015

Chairman, John Reiss, term to expire July 2016

Commissioner, Donald Hastings, term to expire July 2017

Commissioner, Rob Hutton, term to expire July 2018

Commissioner, Michael J Smith, term to expire July 2019 appointment to replace Lee Benningfield for the balance of his term.

So recommended by Mayor Robert Atkinson on Monday, June 8th, 2015, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Town Council.

Robert W. Atkinson

Mayor Robert Atkinson

8 June 2015
Date

Vikki Prettyman

Town Administrator, Vikki Prettyman

June 8th, 2015
Date

