



Town of Blades  
OFFICE OF MAYOR & COUNCIL  
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***Town Council Meeting  
Hardin Hall  
7:00PM  
February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014***

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

Absent: Councilman David Ruff

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

Minutes from January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Town Council meeting and executive session; motion to accept in written form by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Joseph; 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 February.

**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. Compliment for the men on doing a great job plowing the snow again. New snow plow blade was ordered. The Ford truck is in the shop again. Streets cut into from water leaks patches need to be completed. Ditch work along W Second and W Third will start shortly. More ditch work will be looked at soon.
- Parks & Cemetery – No report submitted.
- Police Report – No further information to report.
- Mayor's Report – Report submitted.

❖ **New Business:**

- 100th Year Anniversary Planning Committee
  - The mayor announced that the town would like to form a committee for the festivities to celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary.
  - Committee Members: David Ruff, Chairman; Earl Chaffinch Sr., Bob Atkinson; BJ Hardin; Dawn Reiss, Judy Evans, Town Administrator Vikki Prettyman.
- Workshop Meeting
  - Announced for Monday February 17, 2014 at 7pm
  - Audit, Police, Finance, Ditch; Agenda Items.



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- Annexation Committee Meeting schedule for February 13th, 2014
  - Announcement that committee will meet at Town Hall at 6:30pm.

❖ Good of the Community:

- Election notice will begin running in the local papers; The Star and The Leader
- David Ruff, John Reiss, and Bob Atkinson are up for re-election.
- Starr Kulikauski complimented the maintenance crew on a great job of plowing. The stayed on top of it before it could get ahead of them.

No further comments.

Motion by Councilman Chaffinch for an executive session at 7:17pm; motion passed; regular session meeting paused at 7:17pm.

Council session resumed at 7:30pm.

Motion by Councilman Chaffinch to hire John Thompson III and Melvyn Miller as full-time employees to enter the Delaware State Police/Municipal Class Academy on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014; based on the conditional offers of employment; seconded by Councilman Russell Joseph;

Mayor closed the meeting at 7:31pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vikki Prettyman  
Town Administrator