



Town of Blades
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***Town Council Meeting
Hardin Hall
7:00PM
October 13th, 2014***

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

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

Mayor stated that the meeting will open with an announcement and discussion with Chris Vane and Don Birch from our investment firm Morgan Stanley. Mr. Vane and Mr. Birch stated that with the Dodd/Frank Legislation they changed the rules and regulations governing how governments make investments. The legal specialists are trying to interpret these regulations. At this time because the government can go to Morgan Stanley to borrow money and they would also invest money there could be a conflict of interest. It appears that someone else within Morgan Stanley will be monitoring our fund accounts. Not sure when this will go into effect. At this time there is no reason to have concern. Both Mr. Vane and Mr. Birch wanted to present this information to the town in person instead of the town officials hearing incorrect information. As soon as they hear any news they will make contact with the town.

Minutes from September 8th, 2014; Town Council Meeting; motion to accept in written form by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Joseph; motion passed. Minutes from September 29th, 2014 Council Workshop; motion to accept in written form by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Ruff; motion passed.

Police Report – submitted by Chief Cooke; read by Commissioner Chaffinch.

BEDCO – Submitted in written form by Ed Cranston; read by Vikki Prettyman, Town Administrator. Minutes will be posted online.

P&Z – No Minutes at the time of the meeting. Commissioner Reiss stated that the new flood maps and a updated flood ordinance are being reviewed and then recommendation will be made to the council.

Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – Code Report Submitted & Attached in the minutes.
- Water report - submitted by Brandon Slater; read by Commissioner Atkinson.
- Streets - No written report. All the patches for the water leaks were completed, more leaks since so we need additional patch work. The patch on E Third street, we had heavy rain which washed away the crusher run. Contractors are in process of cleaning out W Third/W Fourth Streets ditch. Currently working on salt prices; storage is in question.
- Parks & Cemetery – No written report. More fence boards are broken; cemetery contractors are doing a great job; winterizing the bathroom will be complete soon.
- Police Report – No further information to report.
- Mayor's Report – Report in writing; attached with these minutes.

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❖ New Business:

- Trick-or-Treat: Friday October 31st, 2014 from 6pm to 8pm, 12 and under only
- Planning & Zoning Commission Appointments
 - Motion to accept the commissioner appointments as stated by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Atkinson; motion passed.
- Workshop
 - October 28th, 2014 at 630pm Hardin Hall
- November 5th, 2014 Annexation Public Meeting
 - 7pm Hardin Hall
- Royal Farms has requested to annex into town limits

❖ Good of the Community:

- Election November 4th, voting at the Blades Fire Hall
- Bill Thomas: The house across from High and Arch is parking on the sidewalk; the Mayor explained that the road narrows there due to DelDOT placing and marking the lane lines incorrectly several years ago and the town is working with a new coordinator to see if the problem can be corrected. The issue has been discussed with the tenants and with the police department and will continue to remind and correct the tenants the block the sidewalk in the future. Mr. Thomas stated that a truck is parking in the opposite direction; the Mayor addressed this stating that the issue has been addressed and will address again if it happens again but he believes we have given notice and that it need to stop; Mr. Thomas stated that the town truck sits idle while the other worker walks around Little Meadows reading the water meter; wasting gas. Mr. Thomas also observed the code car driving on High Street near Water Street in Seaford; why is he riding in Seaford; he has no business being in Seaford; he is driving around wasting gas; Mr. Thomas also observed our young police officer at a stop and here comes the Chief; why does it take both and why did they have their lights on? It was confusing the other drivers; they didn't know if they should stop or what...the chief was out of uniform and dressed like Rambo...if they are talking they shouldn't leave their lights on...Mr. Thomas became loud; they Mayor addressed the issues and Mr. Thomas talking over the Mayor the Mayor used the gavel and stopped the conversation.

Mayor closed the meeting at 7:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vikki Prettyman
Town Administrator