



Town of Blades
OFFICE OF MAYOR & COUNCIL
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*Special Town Council Meeting
Hardin Hall
7:00PM
July 7th, 2016*

Council Meeting:

Present: Mayor Bob Atkinson, Vice-Mayor Russell Joseph, Councilman Lee Benningfield, Councilman BJ Hardin, Councilman David Ruff; Town Administrator Vikki Prettyman

Absent: Councilman John Reiss

Meeting Opened at 7:00pm.

AGENDA: Police Expenses

Commissioner Benningfield discussed the purchase of a K9 Narcotics Dog. The down-payment has been approved on the EIDE grant. Will be boarded with Paskey; Paskey will be his handler. He will be used specifically for narcotics detection. There are no K9's in western Sussex County. Need to act quickly, dog is being held for us until tomorrow. The town has to make the down payment. Councilman Ruff asked about the dogs certifications. Benningfield stated that certs are good for 2 to 3 years. Training is consistent. Service life is about 6 years. He is a smaller german shepherd about 22 months old at this moment. Paskey will have to attend training with him for about 3 weeks. The cost includes his training and lodging. Benningfield feels the increase in the fines and fees will take care of the costs associated with buying, outfitting the car, and the supplies. We need to find out the insurance. What happens if Paskey leaves? New handler training?

Benningfield stated that Matos may be leaving. This will encourage Paskey and will stay with the town.

Dog will be ready by September. Overtime fees associated with Paskey being called into other towns...will have to research how that works.

The ticket revenue alone has increased. Will start seeing these checks come in. Cell phone fines and fees have increased (doubled).

Motion to approve the purchase of this K9 by Councilman Benningfield, seconded by Councilman Ruff; motion carried unanimously.

Benningfield asked how council felt about hiring a part time person. They would be working primarily weekends. Council okayed pursuing to find someone to interview.

Blades is switching from SUSCOM to Seaford dispatch. Taking us on at no cost.

Town Administrator was asked to give a water project update to the council meeting on Monday, July 11th, 2016

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Meeting closed by the Mayor at 8:13pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wikki Prettyman
Town Administrator



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Waiver of Notice

This serves as the waiver for the mailing of the notice of special meeting shall be signed by the Mayor and Council prior to or immediately upon the convening of such special meeting, shall make such written notice unnecessary and shall authorize and make valid the holding of a special meeting at any time named in such waiver, and the transaction of any other business at the meeting, if the waiver so states.

Notices were posted online and in the town hall. Notices reflect the following allowed for discussion.

Thursday, July 7th, 2016 at 7pm at Hardin Hall, 18 W Fourth Street, Blades, DE 19973

Agenda is for Police Department Expenses, executive session for personnel may be called, all voting will be done in public.

Per the Town of Blades Charter, Section 9 Regular and Special Meetings; the Mayor and Town Council waives the rules and is in acknowledgment that the Mayor requested the special meeting, postings were emailed to them with the time, date, place, and agenda for the meeting, that the notices were posted online and on the town board at town hall, and waiving the notice to deposit such meeting agenda in the USPS, and in 3 public locations:



Mayor Robert Atkinson



Vice-Mayor Russell Joseph

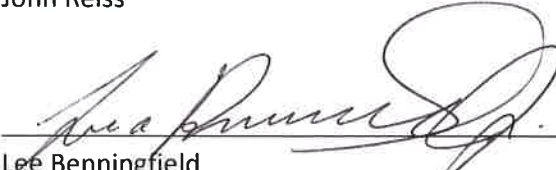


BJ Hardin

John Reiss



David Ruff



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June 29, 2016

Vikki Prettyman
Town Administrator
Town of Blades
20 W Fourth Street
Blades, DE 19973

RE: Request for Special Meeting on July 7th, 2016

Dear Ms. Prettyman,

Please accept this letter as request for a special meeting on Thursday, July 7th at 7pm at Hardin Hall to discuss the Police Department expenses. Please notify the rest of council as directed in Section 9 Regular and Special Meetings. Please draft the waiver for suspension of the rules of notice via USPS to all council members. By signing the waiver they all acknowledge date and time of meeting. Please post this meeting online and on our information board.



Councilman Lee Benningfield



Councilman David Ruff



Councilman John Reiss

Blades K9 info.

Strictly narcotics dog.

\$ 7500 cost for dog and training.

\$ 2100 CAR CAGE

\$1500 FOOD AND VET INCLUDING MEDS

\$11,100 TOTAL

\$ 3280.79 available from EIDE grant.

\$ 7820 BALANCE

\$6850 CELL PHONE REVENUE DUE BEFORE SEPT.1

\$ 1085 MISC CHARGES

\$ 700 MAY REVENUE CHECK FROM VICTORS STOPS.

\$??? FROM MANDATORY APPEARANCE FINES.

\$ 8635 + UNKNOWN FINES YET TO BE ASSESSED BY THE COURT
Almost certainly in excess of \$1500, putting the grand total over
\$10K.

This is just what is due now, as of 06/29/2016.