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***Town Council Meeting  
Hardin Hall  
7:00PM  
August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016***

**Council Meeting:**

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

Absent: Mayor, Robert Atkinson

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

Minutes from July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Town Council Meeting minutes & Executive Session; motion to accept in written form by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Hardin; motion passed.

Police Report – submitted by Commissioner Benningfield.

BEDCO – no minutes at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – No Meeting held this month.

❖ **Committee Reports:**

- Housing/Code – Snell property is a public safety issue, Marcus Trammell to start the notification to the new owner. Code Report submitted in writing by Marcus Trammell.
- Water report - submitted by Brandon Slater; read by Commissioner Hardin.
- Streets - No written report. Commissioner Joseph state that Delmarva Paving will be in town mid August for the patch work and paving projects.
- Parks & Cemetery – Commissioner Ruff stated that there was an inspection of our town parks. They were overall happy with the condition of the park and recommended replacing “s” hook on swings. The roof is also leaking on the pavilion. David will direct getting some quotes to repair.
- Police Report – Report in writing. Commissioner Benningfield announced that the BNO was extremely successful this year, stayed under budget.
- Mayor's Report – Mayor Atkinson’s report not available at this time (absent).

❖ **New Business:**

- Update on water project and loan/grant application with USDA
  - USDA approved the PER, still waiting on the ER
  - Approved 830,000 in funding, 75% grant, loan 1.62% = \$205,000 at \$1,747 payment per quarter after the construction is complete, in the interim, using the construction draw down method of paying out.
  - Need to obtain bond counsel for the closing documents

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- Police Patch and Manual: Request from Commissioner Benningfield to remove the police department manual from the agenda. The new police patch was introduced, shown to the crowd and reviewed by the council. Motion to approve the new police patch by Councilman Lee Benningfield; seconded by Councilman Ruff; motion passed.
- ❖ Good of the Community
  - Question regarding truck traffic on Market and High/Concord. These are state roads. We can't limit the truck traffic. What about reducing the speed limit of trucks in town? It is 25 throughout the whole town right now.
  - Will the town limit sign be moved? The town is in the processes of finding a new location, review needed by DelDOT.
  - Star Kulikauski commented that a great job was done on BNO!

Motion to close meeting by the Vice-Mayor at 7:28pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vikki Prettyman  
Town Administrator