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***Town Council Meeting  
Hardin Hall  
7:00PM  
January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017***

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

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

Minutes from December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Town Council Meeting minutes; 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 – report submitted by Marcus Trammell.
- Water report - submitted by Brandon Slater; read by Commissioner Hardin.
- Streets - No written report.
- Parks & Cemetery – sidewalks cleared, damage done to the fence has been repaired again.
- Police Report – Report in writing. Chief Anthony stated the gator purchased with funding from Representative Danny Short has been delivered to the department. The radios are being pulled out of the old cars and vehicles are to be sold; ammo is out and safely stored and secured at the fire house; Officer Paskey went to court for the pursuit that went into Maryland and the defendant was found guilty; hoping for council to consider an ordinance that we help to calm the troubles that Nanticoke Bar & Grill has been causing in town; continues to write grants to help facilitate programs to assist the department.
- Mayor's Report – No report at this time. Would like to thank the town council and employees for all their assistance in the very difficult time of his son's death; the fire company did a great job too. Everyone has been very touching and caring.

❖ **New Business:**

- Winners of the 2016 Christmas Light Contest
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: 206 High Street
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 209 S Market Street
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place: 118 E Fifth Street
- Second reading of amendment to ordinance 420 ESTABLISHING BUSINESS LICENSES, INSPECTIONS, AND FEES FOR SUCH LICENSES (Amendment C)
  - “In the event that no arrangement for an annual inspection is obtained, the Town may obtain a search warrant pursuant to Chapter 23 Title 11 of the Delaware Code”



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- Approval for the Police procedures manual; motion to approve with amendments (grammar/spelling errors) by Councilman Benningfield; seconded by Councilman Hardin; motion passed. Note: Councilman Joseph voted NO because he has yet to read the manual.
- Approval for the Police salary matrix: tabled.
- Discussion on an ordinance regarding Restaurant and permit compliance; sales of alcohol and time frame when sales are prohibited. (Council will receive sample ordinance in mailbox): will move this to a workshop scheduled on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

❖ Good of the Community

Executive Session at 746pm. Opened back into regular session at 809pm.

Councilman Benningfield motioned to approve the police payroll matrix; seconded by Councilman Reiss; motion carried. This is contingent on the education increase will take affect 1/1/2018 and the 2 year increase will take affect for current officer on his anniversary.

Discussion that uniforms will be reused for the police department; pants with a black strip of a dark blue strip; Commission Benningfield said we will keep as much as possible.

Mayor closed the meeting at 8:16pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vikki Prettyman  
Town Administrator



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Discussed payroll for the police department and how we can incorporate the payroll matrix without it being discussed at budget time.

Paskey leaves for OSC for 10 weeks. K9 staying with his family.

Marking the cars? Yes, they will be marked. Working on the design.

Pay matrix; education piece starts in 2018. Matos increase at his anniversary.

Closed at 809pm