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***Town Council Meeting
Hardin Hall
7:00PM
April 10th, 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 March 13th, 2017 Town Council Meeting minutes; motion to accept in written form by Councilman Hardin; seconded by Councilman Benningfield; motion passed.

Police Report – submitted by Chief Anthony, read by Commission 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. Maintaining all patches; waiting for the weather to get better so that Delmarva Paving can come in to pave and patch.
- Parks & Cemetery – no report in writing. Getting park ready for the rental season and power washing the fence.
- Police Report – Report in writing. Traffic tickets are down, Chief and officers have been out due to illness, and Paskey is returning shortly from OSC; Chief working on lower speed limit from Bi=Rite to the light at Concord and RT13; Burglary on Seventh Street; D.A.T.E. raided Nanticoke Bar and Grill, found violations, violated them, and the place turned in their license and didn't fight it, they withdrew their eviction appeal and have moved out.
- Mayor's Report – Mayor Atkinson thanked everyone and wished everyone Good Luck.

❖ New Business:

- Administer the Oath of Office to Elected Officials
 - Administered the Oath of Office to Mayor David Ruff, Councilman Russell Joseph, Councilman Lee Benningfield
 - Presented Mayor Atkinson with his thank you plaque
- Nominations for Vice-Mayor of Council
 - Russell Joseph nominated Lee Benningfield as the Vice-Mayor, with no objections motion was read and voted, passed unanimously
- Commissioner Appointment by Mayor
 - No changes with the commissions
 - Housing: John Reiss
 - Water: BJ Hardin
 - Streets: Russell Joseph



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- Parks & Cemeteries: No appointment, Mayor will hold
 - Police: Lee Benningfield
 - Appointment of Town Solicitor
 - Motion to approve with request for RFP, motion approved, town administrator will proceed with RFP for new town solicitor.
 - Tim Willard, Fuqua, Yori & Willard in Georgetown (no RFP has been completed, if council wishes to change I need permission to advertise out for an RFP)
 - Appointment of Tax Assessor
 - Weaver Appraisals. (Great Job this past year)
 - Motion to approve; motion passed.
 - Ordinance limiting alcohol sale times
 - Motion to wave reading; motion to approve as the 2nd reading of the ordinance
 - Administrator has refused to issue license to Harbor Pizza and Nanticoke River Bar and Grill
 - Police Chief discussed under police report
 - Resolution: request for a drinking water planning grant
 - Motion to approve; motion passed.
 - Mayor Ruff thanked everyone for coming out and went over his agenda as the Mayor.
- ❖ Good of the Community
- When will breakfast start back to the firehouse; David stated May 7th.
 - T/A read the thank you letter from the High School regarding the indoor batting cage donation; Marcus was critical in the fundraising for this!
 - Does the Mayor believe in revenue neutral; David stated that he believes there are times when the town must spend money to make money, especially when it comes to expansion of the town.
 - John K. congratulations to the new council.

Mayor closed the meeting at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vikki Prettyman
Town Administrator

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