



Town of Blades
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***Town Council Meeting
Hardin Hall
7:00PM
July 10th, 2017***

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

Absent: Councilman Russell Joseph

Meeting Opened at 7:02pm with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from June 12th, 2017 Town Council Meeting minutes; motion to accept in written form by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Hardin; motion passed.

Police Report – submitted by Chief Anthony, read by Commission Benningfield. Patrolman Matos was recognized for his exemplary work on the apprehension of the Dollar General Burglary suspect.

BEDCO – no minutes at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – No meeting for July

❖ Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – report submitted by Marcus Trammell. M/T has written a 1st violation notice on the 433 crime free ordinance.
- Water report - submitted by Brandon Slater; water report should be on excel for the future. T/A will work on this.
- Streets - No written report. Commissioner Joseph was absent.
- Parks & Cemetery – Report in writing. DR
- Police Report – Report in writing. Chief Anthony reported, Paskey was out on guard leave and officer candidate school and has returned to duty; body cameras are on delay from the company and Chief has requested an extension on the expensing of the SLEAF grant; considering town wide camera system with the cost exceeding 13k for the cameras and the software, using grant funding to pay for;
- Mayor's Report – Mayor Ruff submitted report in writing.

❖ New Business:

- Blades Night Out Tuesday, August 1st from 6pm to 8pm, Blades Public Park
 - Donations accepted, WSUX will be out live remote, running ads for our event, hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, pizza, and other activities
 - T-shirt designed
 - Raffle tickets announced and will be sold up until the drawing on Tuesday night
- Councilman Reiss requested an agenda items addition for the Snell property; motion made to amend the agenda adding the bids for the Snell property demo be read and approved; motion seconded by Councilman Benningfield; motion approved.

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- Recycled Cardboard Boat Regatta
 - Saturday, August 5th, 2017 at 11am.
 - Blades Marina
 - Visit delawarewatersheds.org for registration and rules
 - Amendment to Ordinance 433: Section 9. If the inspection is not scheduled to be completed within 90 (changing to 30 days, in order to comply with the business license ordinance) days of submitting an application or renewal for the rental license, the owner shall be in violation of the chapter.
 - 1st reading
 - Amendment to Ordinance 420-C Business License & Inspection Ordinance: change Exceptions section regarding produce stands. Review the ordinance for changing of the wording, adding if you are selling produce not grown on your farm you are subject to license fees....see copy attached.
 - Council agrees to make the additional sentence and present for 1st reading next month; motion by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Hardin; motion approved.
 - Snell Property: bids for the demo; newspaper notices and certified letters have been processed; Linwood Burbage bid \$15,800.00 demo and \$725 for asbestos removal motion to approve by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Hardin; motion passed.
- ❖ Good of the Community
- John Kulikauski asked when the restaurant will open; on July 17th.
 - Sloan Trammell questioned the council on allowing portable basketball courts in the park; people have been dragging the courts to the park and playing and causing trouble; folks have been coming from all around and playing and soon the drama will be back that is why the nets were taken down to begin with. Discussion with council regarding the cussing and poor behavior that happened in the past was also the result of no police presence. The citizens want to see patrols around the park when the police are working. Park signs need to be fixed, park is open dawn to dusk; those hours need to be enforced. If there are situations where they are out past dusk then 911 needs to be called
 - Judy Evans questioned the operation of the park cameras. Chief said they are operational but don't deter the activities.
 - 2016 Nanticoke River report card is out and available at town hall.
 - Workshop scheduled for July 17th for the financial goals for each department.

Motion for Executive Session by Councilman Benningfield at 7:52pm; motion carried; council meeting paused.

Returned from E/S at 8:06pm.

Motion to approve the promotion of Paskey to Corporal with the pay raise of \$2,000.00 per year to start effective July 1st, 2017 by Councilman Benningfield; seconded by Councilman Hardin; motion approved.



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Mayor closed the meeting at 8:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vikki Prettyman
Town Administrator