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***Town Council Meeting
Hardin Hall
7:00PM
October 9th, 2017***

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

Absent: Councilman John Reiss

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

Minutes from September 11th, 2017 Town Council Meeting minutes; motion to accept in written form by Councilman Joseph; seconded by Councilman Hardin; 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 in October

❖ Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – report submitted by Marcus Trammell; read by T/A
- Water report - submitted by Brandon Slater.
- Streets - No written report. Commissioner Joseph stated that the town received the purchase order from the state for the road repaving project and Delmarva Paving is trying to get us on the calendar.
- Parks & Cemeteries – parks have been used heavily; grass cutting at the cemetery is going well.
- Police Report – Report in writing. Chief Anthony reported
- Mayor's Report – Mayor Ruff submitted report in writing.

❖ New Business:

- Special Employee Recognition: Frank O'Day Jr. was recognized for his ten year anniversary with the town with a special award, certificate, and gift. His family was also present and everyone was invited to stay for cake and refreshments after the meeting.
- MOU with Sussex County for the water/sewer project: motion to approve MOU by Councilman Joseph, seconded by Councilman Benningfield; motion carried.
- 3rd reading: Amendment to Ordinance 420-C Business License & Inspection Ordinance: change Exceptions section regarding produce stands: adding if you are selling produce not grown on your farm you are subject to license fee; T/A suggested since Councilman Reiss had concerns, brought this ordinance to council for approval that the final reading wait till next month; motion to approve moving 3rd reading to November by Councilman Benningfield; seconded by Councilman Joseph; motion carried.
- Town wide clean up 10/28/2017



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❖ Good of the Community

- Concern brought up by Mike Smith about the gator being on the town roads; the town is not exempt from Title 21; it is not registered; it cannot be on the road; it was purchased by the police department, the water department should not be using it. Councilman Benningfield will check in to the ATV situation.
- Bob Atkinson also received calls regarding the ATV on the road
- Route 13 road work delays? Any word? - The town has no new updates
- Trick or Treat: 6pm to 8pm on Tuesday, October 31st.

Mayor closed the meeting at 7:29pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vikki Prettyman
Town Administrator