



Town of Blades
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***Town Council Meeting
Hardin Hall, 18 W Fourth Street, Blades, DE
7:00PM
January 14th, 2019***

Present: Mayor David Ruff, Councilman Russell Joseph, Councilman Jason Hudson, Councilman John Reiss, Councilman Michael J. Smith, Town Clerk Karen Raines.

Absent: Councilman Lee Benningfield.

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

Minutes from December 10th, 2018 Town Council Meeting; motion to accept in written form by Councilman Smith; seconded by Councilman Reiss; motion passed.

Police Report – submitted by Chief Anthony, read by Mayor Ruff.

BEDCO – No reports at the time of this meeting. Past meeting minutes are available electronically and will be posted on the website.

P&Z – No minutes were presented at the time of this meeting.

❖ Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – report submitted by Marcus Trammell; read by Commissioner Hudson.
- Water report - submitted by Brandon Slater, read by Commissioner Reiss.
- Streets – Commissioner Joseph stated that new patches delayed until January 2019, weather permitting.
- Parks & Cemeteries- Read by Commissioner Smith. Commissioner Smith noted some of the Christmas banners need to be replaced due to being worn and faded.
- Police Report – Report in writing by Chief Anthony; read by Mayor Ruff.
- Mayor's Report – Read by Mayor Ruff. Mayor Ruff announced Christmas light winners for 2018.
- New Business:
- Little Meadows drainage project: Proposition presented by Bobbi Truitt; R & L Services to install catch basins in town right of way / homeowners properties located on Highland Court and Summit Drive. Little Meadows would like to give ownership to the Town of Blades for the catch basin maintenance which should cost approximately \$145 every 10 years. Goal for completion of project: end of February 2019. Commissioner Reiss motioned to move forward with town engineer DB & F overseeing work being done; Commissioner Smith seconded; motion passed.
- Brownfield clean-up proposals given by Brightfields and Environmental Alliance. No vote as not all engineering companies were able to be present.
- New Town Solicitor: Town will schedule William Pepper Sr. with Schmittinger and Rodriguez, P.A. for a council workshop to interview for position. Workshop to be scheduled January 30th, 2019.
- Surplus Equipment sealed bids opened: Jim Lambden \$100 for pink chairs. Motion to accept bid by Commissioner Smith; seconded by Commissioner Hudson; motion passed. Scott Witzke \$50 generator, \$75 generator, \$100 trailer. Motion to accept bid by Commissioner Joseph; seconded by Commissioner Smith; motion passed.

❖ Good of the Community:

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- Nothing to report at time of meeting.

Mayor Ruff closed the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Raines
Town Clerk