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***Town Council Meeting
Hardin Hall, 18 W Fourth Street, Blades, DE
7:00PM
June 10, 2019***

Present: Mayor John Reiss, Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield, Councilor Russell Joseph, Councilor Michael J. Smith, Councilor Ashley Hudson, Councilor Donald Trice, and Town Administrator Lisa Marks.

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

Minutes from the May 13, 2019, Town Council Meeting: Motion to accept in written form by Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield; seconded by Councilor Joseph; Motion passed. Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield - Yes, Councilor Russell Joseph - Yes, Councilor Michael J. Smith - Yes, Councilor Ashley Hudson - Yes, Councilor Donald Trice – Yes. Carried

Police Report – Submitted and read by Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield.

BEDCO – No report at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – Councilor Trice gave verbal report. The Daycare's extended hours has been approved by the P&Z Commission.

❖ **Committee Reports:**

- Housing/Code – Report submitted by Marcus Trammell; read by Councilor Trice. A dumpster will be delivered to two addresses, so the residents can clean up trash. A trash handout was given to Council for them to review and consider.
- Water report - Submitted by Brandon Slater; read by Councilor Hudson. The water line extension to I.G. Burton is expected to be completed by August.
- Streets – Submitted verbally by Councilor Joseph. The West 6th Street Paving Project has been approved for funding. We are now waiting for the okay to start. Street signs have been approved for funding and should be ready for pick up soon. Drainage Project bids have not been received.
- Parks & Cemeteries- No report at the time of this meeting.
- Police Report – Report in writing by Chief Anthony; read by Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield. A portion of grant monies are being used for needed technology upgrades.
- Mayor's Report – Read by Mayor Reiss. In addition to meeting with the Town Administrator, the Flag Retirement event was attended.



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Town Administrator Report – Report in writing and submitted verbally by Town Administrator Lisa Marks. We have changed our accounting program over to QuickBooks. We are in the process of fine tuning the program, so we can utilize every option to its highest capabilities. Next year we will also be running the Town Taxes through QuickBooks. There was a glitch in the water billing last month. Karen is working diligently with the Black Mountain program support team to correct this and any side effects that have arisen this month.

❖ New Business:

- Parking lot line painting - Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield motioned to Table the parking lot line painting project; seconded by Councilor Joseph; motion passed. Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield - Yes, Councilor Russell Joseph - Yes, Councilor Michael J. Smith - Yes, Councilor Ashley Hudson - Yes, Councilor Donald Trice – Yes. Carried

❖ Good of the Community:

- Water bills and penalties were discussed. Penalties for the previous month will be waived.
- Concerns about the upcoming bridge closing, traffic and signs.
- Trash, kids fighting, and an increase in Police presence and coverage were discussed.

Mayor Reiss closed the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Raines
Town Clerk