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***Town Council Meeting
Hardin Hall, 18 W Fourth Street, Blades, DE
7:00PM
July 08, 2019***

Present: Mayor John Reiss, Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield, 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 June 10, 2019, Town Council Meeting: Motion to accept in written form by Councilor Donald Trice; seconded by Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield; Motion passed. Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield - Yes, Councilor Michael J. Smith - Yes, Councilor Ashley Hudson - Yes, Councilor Donald Trice – Yes. Carried

Police Report – Submitted by Police Chief Paul Anthony; read by Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield.

BEDCO – No report at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – No report at the time of this meeting.

❖ Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – Report submitted by Code Enforcement Officer, Marcus Trammell; read by Councilor Trice. A dumpster has been delivered to two addresses, so the residents can clean up trash. A trash handout was given to Council for them to review and consider. (time/hours to have trash out for street pick-up, business fenced in trash area) Councilor Trice brought to the attention of Council, that there has become an issue concerning portable tents within 10' from the road – creating a safety hazard.
- Water report - Submitted by Water Supervisor, Brandon Slater; read by Councilor Hudson. The water line extension to I.G. Burton is expected to be completed by August.
- Streets – No report at the time of this meeting.
- Parks & Cemeteries- There were 8 park rentals during the month of June. Report submitted by Councilor Smith.
- Police Report – Report in writing by Chief Anthony; read by Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield.
- Mayor's Report – Read by Mayor Reiss. In addition to meeting with the Town Administrator, the Flag Retirement Ceremony and Laurel's 4th of July event were attended.



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Town Administrator Report – Report in writing and submitted verbally by Town Administrator Lisa Marks. We continue fine tuning QuickBooks, so we can utilize every option to its highest capabilities. The glitch in the water billing last month has been resolved. We have been working with the Town Solicitor updating Ordinances and Resolutions. Town employees and officials participated with Boy Scout Troop #182 to respectfully retire service flags on Friday, June 14, 2019. Town employees attended the Ribbon Cutting for Every Fiber Coffee Co., on June 8, 2019. Upcoming events include the 6th Annual Recycled Cardboard Boat Regatta on August 3rd at 11am at the Blades Marina and the Blades National Night Out on August 6th from 6-8pm at the Blades Park.

❖ New Business:

- Ordinance changes: First Reading Ordinance 420B-B-Business Licensing Fees – Read by Town Administrator Lisa Marks.
- Ordinance changes: First Reading Ordinance 411-Water Rates and Penalties – Read by Water Commission Ashley Hudson
- Approval and recommendation for P&Z: Annexation – 1-32 1.00 22.00 & 22.01 Approved to proceed with Annexation Process.

❖ Good of the Community:

- When is the Water Plant scheduled to begin? November
- Proposed Contractor's License: questions asked and answered based on the Ordinance presented in New Business
- Is the Water Tower Painting Project under contract? Yes

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Raines
Town Clerk