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***Town Council Meeting
BVFC, East Fifth Street, Blades, DE
7:00PM
February 10, 2020***

Present: Mayor John Reiss, Councilor Michael J. Smith, Councilor Ashley Hudson, Councilor Donald Trice, Councilor Russell Joseph, Town Administrator Lisa Marks, Police Chief Paul Anthony and Water Supervisor Brandon Slater.

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

Minutes from the January 13, 2020, Town Council Meeting: Motion to accept in written form by Councilor Michael J. Smith; seconded by Councilor Russell Joseph; Motion passed. Councilor Russell Joseph – Yes, Councilor Ashley Hudson – Yes, Councilor Donald Trice – Yes, Councilor Michael Smith – Yes. Carried

Financial Reports for January 2020: Motion to accept Financial Reports by Councilor Ashley Hudson; seconded by Councilor Michael Smith; Motion passed. Councilor Russell Joseph – Yes, Councilor Ashley Hudson – Yes, Councilor Donald Trice – Yes, Councilor Michael Smith – Yes. Carried

Police Report – Submitted verbally by Chief Paul Anthony. In addition to the Department's monthly statistics, the report also included: The announcement of "Ralley", the Grant funded K-9 that started her training with handler, Officer John Thompson that morning. Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield was thanked for all of the labor free work he has been doing with the computer replacements / camera & laptop upgrades for the Police Department, as well as Town Hall. Chief Anthony also thanked Code Enforcement Officer Marcus Trammell, for evicting another drug dealer at the end of the month. It was noted that the Police Budget may need to be amended, due to recent fuel and insurance projections.

BEDCO – No report at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – Submitted verbally by Councilor Donald Trice.

❖ Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – Report submitted by Code Enforcement Officer, Marcus Trammell; read by Councilor Trice.
- Water report - Submitted by Water Supervisor, Brandon Slater; read by Councilor Hudson.
- Streets – Report submitted verbally by Councilor Russell Joseph. Road patch repairs to be made once the weather is warmer.



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- Parks & Cemeteries – Report submitted verbally by Councilor Michael Smith. Awaiting the 2nd estimate for the Rest Room doors to submit to Chief Anthony. Someone has been using the trash containers located in the Cemetery for household trash.
 - Mayor's Report – Report submitted and read by Mayor Reiss.
 - Town Administrator Report – Report submitted and read by Town Administrator Lisa Marks, including Congratulations and Best Wishes to Water Supervisor Brandon Slater, as he begins a new chapter in life with the Town of Bridgeville later in the month.
- ❖ New Business:
- First Reading Ordinance 420B-B - Business License: Motion to accept the First Reading of Ordinance 420B-B - Business License by Councilor Donald Trice; seconded by Councilor Ashley Hudson; Motion passed. Councilor Russell Joseph – Yes, Councilor Ashley Hudson – Yes, Councilor Donald Trice – Yes, Councilor Michael Smith – Yes. Carried
- ❖ Old Business:
- Hardin Hall repair: Three (3) proposals have been received. Two (2) suggested demolition. Demolition and rebuilding is not an option at the moment. In order to acquire the necessary funding, Audits would need to be completed.
- ❖ Good of the Community: N/A

Entered into Executive Session at 7:29 p.m.
Adjourned Executive Session at 8:48 p.m.

Councilor Donald Trice motioned to adjourn the February 10, 2020, Blades Town Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Russell Joseph.

Mayor Reiss adjourned the Blades Town Council Meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Raines
Town Clerk