



Town of Blades  
OFFICE OF MAYOR & COUNCIL  
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***Town Council Meeting  
BVFC, East Fifth Street, Blades, DE  
7:00PM  
June 8, 2020***

Present: Mayor John Reiss, Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield, Councilor Michael J. Smith, Councilor Ashley Hudson, Councilor Donald Trice, Councilor Russell Joseph, newly elected Councilor Bobbi Jo Tice, Town Administrator Lisa Marks and Town Clerk Karen Raines.

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

Minutes from the February 10, 2020, Town Council Meeting: Motion to accept in written form by Councilor Donald Trice; seconded by Councilor Russell Joseph; Motion passed. Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield - Yes, Councilor Russell Joseph - Yes, Councilor Ashley Hudson - Yes, Councilor Donald Trice - Yes, Councilor Michael Smith - Yes. Carried

Minutes from the March 23, 2020, Emergency Special Meeting: Motion to accept in written form by Councilor Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield; seconded by Councilor Ashley Hudson; Motion passed. Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield - Yes, Councilor Russell Joseph - Yes, Councilor Ashley Hudson - Yes, Councilor Donald Trice - Yes, Councilor Michael Smith - Yes. Carried

Financial Reports for January - May 2020: Motion to table pending review of Financial Reports by Councilor Michael Smith; seconded by Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield; Motion passed. Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield - Yes, Councilor Russell Joseph - Yes, Councilor Ashley Hudson - Yes, Councilor Donald Trice - Yes, Councilor Michael Smith - Yes. Carried

Police Report - Submitted by Chief Paul Anthony. Motion to accept all reports as submitted in writing by Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield; seconded by Ashley Hudson; Motion passed. Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield - Yes, Councilor Russell Joseph - Yes, Councilor Ashley Hudson - Yes, Councilor Donald Trice - Yes, Councilor Michael Smith - Yes. Carried

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.
- Water report - Submitted by Water Supervisor, Frank O'Day.
- Streets - No Report submitted.
- Parks & Cemeteries - No Report submitted.
- Mayor's Report - No Report submitted.
- Town Administrator Report - Report submitted by Town Administrator Lisa Marks.



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Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc. Engineer, Jason Loar presented updates on Town of Blades Projects.

❖ Old Business:

- Third Reading of Ordinance 420B-B - Business License: Motion to accept the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 420B-B - Business License by Councilor Donald Trice; seconded by Councilor Russell Joseph; Motion passed. Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield - Yes, Councilor Russell Joseph – Yes, Councilor Ashley Hudson – Yes, Councilor Donald Trice – Yes, Councilor Michael Smith – Yes. Carried

❖ New Business:

- Swearing in of newly elected Council seats.
- Nomination for Vice-Mayor: Councilor Ashley Hudson nominated Councilor Lee Benningfield for Vice-Mayor. Councilor Russell Joseph – Yes, Councilor Ashley Hudson – Yes, Councilor Donald Trice – Yes, Councilor Bobbi Jo Tice – Yes.
- Appoint Town Solicitor: Craig Eliassen: Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield - Yes, Councilor Russell Joseph – Yes, Councilor Ashley Hudson – Yes, Councilor Donald Trice – Yes, Councilor Bobbi Jo Tice – Yes.
- Appoint Town Appraiser: Weaver Appraisals: Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield - Yes, Councilor Russell Joseph – Yes, Councilor Ashley Hudson – Yes, Councilor Donald Trice – Yes, Councilor Bobbi Jo Tice – Yes.

❖ Good of the Community

- A resident inquired about the dirt pile in Little Meadows: The dirt pile belongs to Little Meadows and is the result of a project.
- A resident inquired if our new employee is part-time or full-time: Chris Glasgow is a part-time employee.
- A resident inquired if there is anything that can be done about mosquitos: The Town of Blades is on Sussex County's schedule to be sprayed for mosquitos.
- A resident inquired if the 2017 Audit has been completed: The 2017 Audit is now complete.

Entered into Executive Session at 7:22 p.m.

Adjourned Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

Councilor Russell Joseph motioned to adjourn the June 8, 2020, Blades Town Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Russell Joseph.

Mayor Reiss adjourned the Blades Town Council Meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Raines  
Town Clerk