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

Present: Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield, Councilor Ashley Hudson, Councilor Donald Trice, Councilor Russell Joseph, 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 July 13, 2020, Town Council Meeting: Motion to accept in written form by Councilor Donald Trice; seconded by Councilor Bobbi Jo Tice; Motion passed. Councilor Russell Joseph – Yes, Councilor Ashley Hudson – Yes, Councilor Donald Trice – Yes, Councilor Bobbi Jo Tice – Yes. Carried

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

BEDCO – No report at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – Submitted verbally by Councilor Donald Trice. The committee approved the preliminary plans for 6 townhouses on Concord Road and the plans for the Water Plant Project at the August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

❖ Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – Report submitted by Code Enforcement Officer, Marcus Trammell, read by Councilor Donald Trice.
- Water report - Submitted by Water Supervisor, Frank O'Day read by Councilor Ashley Hudson.
- Streets – Report submitted verbally by Councilor Russell Joseph. The catch basins have all been cleaned. The radar sign has been put up on South Market Street. The Eighth Street Drainage Project is in progress. We have received grant monies and are waiting on the notice to proceed with the 2020 Street Paving Project.
- Parks & Cemeteries – Report submitted verbally by Councilor Bobbi Jo Tice. All applications have been turned in for the ORPT Grant that will enable the merry-go-round at the park to be replaced. The issue at the cemetery is being addressed.
- Mayor's Report – No Report submitted.
- Town Administrator Report – Report submitted by Town Administrator Lisa Marks.

❖ New Business:

- Approval of Water Plant plans: Motion to approve Water Plant plans by Councilor Donald Trice; seconded by Councilor Ashley Hudson. Motion passed. Councilor Russell Joseph – Yes, Councilor Ashley Hudson – Yes, Councilor Donald Trice – Yes, Councilor Bobbi Jo Tice – Yes. Carried



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- Approval of 8533 Concord Road plans: Tabled
- First Reading Resolution Change 411- Water Rates and Penalties: Resolution read by Town Clerk Karen Raines
- Reinstate Impact Fee Discounts: Motion to Reinstate Impact Fee Discounts by Councilor Donald Trice; seconded by Councilor Russell Joseph. Motion passed. Councilor Russell Joseph – Yes, Councilor Ashley Hudson – Yes, Councilor Donald Trice – Yes, Councilor Bobbi Jo Tice – Yes. Carried
- Vote on Police Chief's contract extension: Motion to table the Vote on Police Chief's contract extension until after further discussion and a Workshop with the Police Chief by Councilor Donald Trice; seconded by Councilor Russell Joseph; Motion passed. Councilor Russell Joseph – Yes, Councilor Ashley Hudson – Yes, Councilor Donald Trice – Yes, Councilor Bobbi Jo Tice – Yes. Carried

❖ Old Business:

- No old Business

❖ Good of the Community

- A resident expressed concerns about a pot hole on Meadow Drive.
- A resident inquired about the Laundry sign on Market Street and if the laundromat is still going to be built.
- Councilor Donald Trice informed everyone of a dog bite incident that happened earlier in the day. He also asked if the fine of 10.00 – 25.00 can be raised. The fine has not been updated since 1975. It was agreed to begin amending Ordinance 219.
- A resident expressed concerns about water drainage in Little Meadows and the effect it is having on certain properties.

Entered into Executive Session at 7:28 p.m.

Adjourned Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

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

Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield adjourned the Blades Town Council Meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Raines  
Town Clerk