



Town of Blades  
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***Town Council Meeting  
BVFC, East Fifth Street, Blades, DE  
7:00PM  
October 11, 2021***

Present: Mayor Robert Atkinson, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson, Councilman Donald Trice, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice, Administrative Assistant Karen Raines and Town Administrator Lisa Marks.

Mayor Robert Atkinson officially opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes from the September 13, 2021, Town Council Meeting: Motion to accept in written form by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith; Seconded by Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice. Motion passed, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice – Yes, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes. Carried

Police Report – Submitted by Chief Paul Anthony, read by Councilman Donald Trice.

BEDCO – No report at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – Submitted by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith.

❖ Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – Report submitted by Code Enforcement Officer, Marcus Trammell, read by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith.
- Water report - Report submitted by Water Supervisor, Frank O'Day, read by Councilwoman Ashley Hudson.
- Streets – No report at the time of this meeting.
- Parks & Cemeteries – Report submitted by Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice. First annual yard sale at the park was a success. Cemetery expansion has begun, Justis Vault is contracted to clear and level ground on the east end of the cemetery to make room for 2 more rows of grave plots. Town will seek bids for 2022 cemetery mowing contract.
- Police – New Officer out of the academy. Will consider enrolling in Dover's training January 2022. Chief Anthony would like Council to consider hiring two part-time officers to cover while the department is down to one full time officer. 2016 Chevrolet Caprice to be sold or auctioned as per guidelines in the Town Charter.
- Mayor's Report – Report submitted and read by Mayor Robert Atkinson.
- Town Administrator Report – Report submitted and read by Town Administrator Lisa Marks.



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❖ New Business:

- Town Auditor – Motion to hire a new Town Auditor made by Councilman Donald Trice; Councilwoman Ashley Hudson seconded the motion. Motion passed, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson – Yes, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice – Yes. Carried
- Highway Sign Selection – After Council discussion, along with attending residents input, Motion to select “Town of Blades” as the highway sign made by Councilman Donald Trice; Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice seconded the motion. Motion passed, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice – Yes. Carried
- Trick or Treating Date – Motion for Trick or Treating to be October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6pm to 8pm made by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith; Councilwoman Ashley Hudson seconded the motion. Motion passed, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice – Yes. Carried
- Town Clean-Up – October 23, 2021 – Motion for Town Clean Up to be October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7am to noon at Blades Park made by Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice; Councilwoman Ashley Hudson seconded the motion. Motion passed, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice – Yes. Carried

❖ Old Business:

- Second reading of Resolution R06.2021.09.13: Violation and Penalty Fees – Accepted as written.
- Third reading Ordinance 435: Contractor’s Licenses and Fees – Decision made to table third reading for a Workshop discussion on October 28, 2021, 7pm at Town Hall.

❖ Good of the Community

Mayor Atkinson stated he will be organizing a committee in January 2022 to review and propose changes to update the Town Charter.

Entered into Executive Session: 7:55pm

Exited Executive Session: 8:17pm

Councilman Donald Trice motioned to adjourn the October 11, 2021, Blades Town Council Meeting, Seconded by Councilwoman Ashley Hudson.

Mayor Robert Atkinson adjourned the Blades Town Council Meeting at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Raines  
Administrative Assistant