



Town of Blades
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***Town Council Meeting
BVFC, East Fifth Street, Blades, DE
7:00PM
April 12, 2022***

Present: Mayor Robert Atkinson, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith, Councilman Donald Trice, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr., Councilwoman Ashley Hudson, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams, Police Chief Paul Anthony, Administrative Assistant Karen Raines and Town Administrator Lisa Marks.

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

Opening Prayer by Pierre Gaither, Sr. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes from the March 14, 2022, Town Council Meeting: Motion to accept in written form by Councilman Donald Trice; Seconded by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson – 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 – Verbal report by Town Administrator Lisa Marks.
- Parks & Cemeteries – Report submitted and read by Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr.
- Police – Report submitted by Police Chief Anthony and read by Councilman Donald Trice.
- 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:

- Swear in newly elected Council seats – Pierre Gaither, Sr., Nancy McAdams and Donald Trice were sworn in for two year terms.
- Nomination for Vice-Mayor – Councilman Donald Trice made a motion to nominate Councilman Mike Smith for Vice-Mayor; Seconded by Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr.. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Yes. Carried
- Appoint Town Solicitor: Motion to accept Craig Eliassen as Town Solicitor made by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith, seconded by Councilman Donald Trice. Motion passed; Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Yes. Carried
- Appoint Town Appraiser: Motion to accept Weaver Appraisals for Town Appraiser made by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith, seconded by Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. Motion passed. Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Yes. Carried
- Re-announce Town Clean-Up, April 23, 2022, 7am-Noon – Announcement by Administrative Assistant Karen Raines
- First Reading Resolution Change 411- Water Rates and Penalties – Resolution read by Town Administrator Lisa Marks

❖ Old Business:

- N/A

❖ Good of the Community

Citizen inquired about the progress of Phase III retention pond maintenance. The Town will clarify ownership and maintain as necessary.

Confirmed Councilman Russell Joseph is retiring as of April 12, 2022 after 50 years of service.

Citizen inquired about parts on backorder for Well 3. Explained the parts are still on backorder and there is a water project update meeting May 5, 2022.

Citizen inquired where the water chemicals for treatment are stored. Confirmed there is a chemical storage room.

Citizens were concerned about having only 1 Police Officer in the Police Department. It was explained there will be a new Chief of Police sworn in soon and there will be decisions made about hiring a new officer.



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Entered into Executive Session: 8:20 pm.

Exited Executive Session: 9:30 pm.

Councilman Donald Trice motioned to adjourn the April 11, 2022, Blades Town Council Meeting, Seconded by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith.

Mayor Robert Atkinson adjourned the Blades Town Council Meeting at 9:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Raines
Administrative Assistant