



Town of Blades
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***Town Council Meeting
BVFC, East Fifth Street, Blades, DE
7:00PM
August 8, 2022***

Present: Mayor Robert Atkinson, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith, Councilman Donald Trice, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr., Councilwoman Nancy McAdams, Councilman William Stang, Police Chief Martin Willey 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 July 11, 2022, Town Council Meeting: Motion to accept in written form 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, Councilman William Stang. – Yes. Carried

Police Report – Submitted and read by Police Chief Martin Willey.

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 - Reports submitted by Councilwoman Nancy McAdams and Water Supervisor, Frank O'Day, read by Town Administrator Lisa Marks.
- Streets – Report submitted and read by Councilman William Stang.
- Parks & Cemeteries – Report submitted and read by Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr.
- Police – Report submitted 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:

- Police Pay Scale – Vice-Mayor Mike Smith made a motion to accept the proposed Police Pay Scale increase to attract applicants; 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 (via written, notarized vote), Councilman William Stang. – Yes. Carried
- Police Vehicles – Councilman Donald Trice made a motion to purchase a 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe; 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 (via written, notarized vote), Councilman William Stang. – Yes. Carried
- Police SOP's and Rules and Regulations – Vice-Mayor Mike Smith made a motion to accept Chief Willey's proposed Police SOP's and Rules and Regulations; Seconded by Councilman William Stang. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Yes (via written, notarized vote), Councilman William Stang. – Yes. Carried
- Covered Load Discussion – Council will revisit Ordinance 54-1 after counsel from the Town Solicitor.

❖ Old Business:

- First Reading Ordinance 435 – Contractor's Licenses and Fees – read by Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr.
- Adoption of Resolution - R05.2022.07.11 - Building Permit Fee Increase – Councilman Donald Trice made a motion to adopt Resolution - R05.2022.07.11 - Building Permit Fee Increase; Seconded by Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Nay, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Yes (via written, notarized vote), Councilman William Stang. – Yes. Carried

❖ Good of the Community

Citizen inquired if the Police Department was using Lexipol as discussed by Council in November 2020. – The payment made to Lexipol in December 2020 was an Annual Law Enforcement Policy & Daily Training Bulletins dues/subscription. Chief Willey receives notifications and will update the SOP's and Rules and Regulations as they come in.

Citizens were concerned that their lawn maintenance services would be considered "Landscapers" and require a Contractor's License under the proposed Ordinance. – Wording can be changed/added to clarify lawn maintenance is a service rather than a "Landscaping Contractor" (Architecture & Design).



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Citizen inquired as to why the American flags have been at half-staff so often recently. – The Town is notified by the Governor’s office when the American flags are to be raised and lowered.

Citizen inquired where the Town is with its audits. – 2019 is being finalized this week, 2020 will begin immediately after.

Citizen inquired about website updates and old information. – The website is updated with meetings, agendas, minutes, documents, closings, special announcements, etc. Past information remains on the website as an archive.

Entered into Executive Session: N/A

Exited Executive Session: N/A

Vice-Mayor Mike Smith motioned to adjourn the July 11, 2022, Blades Town Council Meeting, Seconded by Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr.

Mayor Robert Atkinson adjourned the Blades Town Council Meeting at 8:19pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Raines
Administrative Assistant