



Town of Blades
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April 13, 2026
Town Council Meeting
BVFC Banquet Room
200 E. Fifth Street, Blades, DE 19973

Present: Mayor Nancy McAdams, Vice Mayor Susan Seltzer, Councilman Gary Miller, Councilman Donald Trice, Councilmen Gary Gallamore, and Town Administrator Mary Reza

Meeting called to order by Mayor Nancy McAdams at 7:01 PM
Lord's Prayer
The Pledge of Allegiance

Swearing in of Donnie Trice, Susan Seltzer and Police Chief Anothty Toto by Mary Reza, Town Administrator.

Approval of Minutes from March 9, 2026, Town Council Meeting
Councilman Donnie Trice motioned to approve minutes and councilman Gary Gallamore, Second, Passed in all in favor in written form.

➤ Community Concerns

- Resident expressed ongoing concerns about excessive speeding and the need for speed bumps. Inquired about the progress with the asphalt contractors and speed bumps and timeline. Suggested lowering the speed limit from 25 mph to 15 mph in little meadows.
- Resident expressed ongoing questions about discrepancies between building setbacks in town.
- Resident raised issues regarding Cypress landing development plan revision communication, and was the council aware of the true plans back in June/July (2025). Questioned why updates on garages/driveways were not communicated to residents.
- Resident/HOA Vice President, clarified utility easements (4-6ft) are not on individual properties in Little Meadows. Stated the area in question is stormwater management, not wetlands which was mentioned in the previous resident's concern.
- Resident/Former Administrative Assistant to Town Hall, told residents that she resigned her position as of April 10, 2026 and thanked council for her time at the Town Hall.

➤ Old Business

- Election Cancelled- Vacant Seat to be appointed.
- Office Cyber Security Update
 - Working with ABox Technologies and working on Cybersecurity protocols for the Town Hall Systems to make sure that all residents information is secure.
- 250 USA- Celebration in Blades Update
 - Scheduled for Saturday, July 25, 2026 in the Blades Park from Noon until 4:00 pm
 - Activities: Games (ring toss, water balloon toss, races, baby races), Kid's Parade, Mayor's Challenge, cotton candy, snow cones, food vendors, 50/50 raffle. DJ Sky Brady will be the DJ and MC
 - Proceeds will benefit the Park Fund.
 - Calling for all community volunteers and donations. Planning meeting is scheduled for April 21st and April 23rd.



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- Other Community events America Rhythms 250, Saturday June 13th at Ross Mansion Lawn, Liber-Tea, Sunday, June 14th at the Gov. Ross Mansion, Stars & Stripes on the Nanticoke, July 18th (Float in and High Street festival)
- Maintenance Employee Update
 - Introduction of New Maintenance Supervisor Kim Short, working on Park and infrastructure management.
- Police Report
 - DSP worked 4 paid jobs work (4-hour blocks) in March. There were 16 traffic arrest, 1 DUI and 1 warning issue.
- Report from Planning and Zoning
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- Committee Reports:
 - Housing – Vice Mayor Susan Seltzer
 - Code Enforcement Report: 4 Building Permits issued, Ordinance 330- Trash-2, Ordinance 416- Abandoned Vehicle-2, Rental Inspections-54
 - Updating ordinances, and trying to find resources to help the town and working to get Hardin Hall open.
 - Attended BVFC banquet on March 14th
 - Met with City of Seaford on March 17th
 - Went on a couple of inspections with Marcus on March 24th and went to America 250 planning meeting.
 - March 27th met with 2 representatives from Chesapeake Watershed Alliance and showed them areas in the town that are priorities in getting funding to improve. They will work on an action plan and we should have that in a couple of months. 35 N Market (old cleaners' site, brown field), Blades Park, Triangle Park, and stormwater management ponds in Little Meadows
 - Easter Egg Hunt on March 28th and after event cleaned up wreaths from wreaths across America event.
 - April 1st attended Danny Short Coffee hour and attended the SCAT dinner in Slaughter Beach with a presentation given by the Nature center.
 - Planning and Zoning meeting was held on April 6th
 - April 8th council workshop meeting with company about changing the town's IT and upgrading and increase security.
 - April 11th at Blades Park assisting Marcus and Kim with the Town Clean up. Decent turn out.
 - Water – Commissioner Gary Gallamore
 - March 10th Seaside plumbing notified the Town that they were going to withdrawn from the offer of changing out the water meters and that it falls outside of their primary scope of work. The town decided to go with their second offer and contacted Beard Plumbing and he as accepted the offer.
 - March 18th a water leak was report at 14 W 3rd street. Kim and Gary were able to locate and close the shut off valve in a meter pit that was filled with water.
 - March 25th met with Delaware Rural water representative Jim Mooeny and Anita Beckel for the quarterly water sample acquisition for PFAS testing. Samples for hexavalent chromium testing were also collected.
 - March 26th Met with Kevin Beard from Beard Plumbing about the scope of work for the water meter change outs and Service line inventory.
 - March 26th met with Sean Carney, EPA for an update on the River Road extension project.
 - Advertising continues for a permanent water system operator continues.
 - E. Coli and Coliform bacteria testing remain negative.



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- Streets – Commissioner Gary Miller
 - No report Submitted.
- Parks & Cemeteries –
 - No report Submitted.
- Police – Commissioner Donnie Trice
 - Interviewed a PT admin. Assistant for the Police Department, The Town council hired Lisa Fensick. She will work with Chief Martin Willey and will train on DELJIS system, work on grant writing for the department and helping with new chief with reports.
 - New body Cameras are in, set up and ready to go.
 - Updating the department tasers with new tasers and will purchase off a grant.
 - DelDot still monitoring the west and east bound lane light at 13 & 20
 - DSP are still patrolling
 - Chief Willey will be working as the Police Admin for a couple of months and working with the New Police Chief.
 - Our candidate at Dover Police Academy was injured and we had to do a medical withdraw due to the injury she will not be able to finish this academy. She will be going in this fall class. It will be either Dover Academy or Delaware State Police.
 - Police Department will be sending two candidates to the Police Academy this fall and another candidate in the Spring.
 - Starting background checks and physicals.
 - March 28th Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Due to cold and windy weather, there were about 30-40 kids that attended.
 - Police department is offering a program where residents can register their cameras with the police department to help with crimes. It has worked well in other Towns.
 - April 7th attended a workshop
- Town Administrator – Mary Reza
 - March 10th attended a conference all with Jim Mooney, Gary Gallmore and Mike McFaddend from ERG to discuss the Asset Management Plan. He created a spread sheet that list all the assets in the water plant.
 - March 11th attended a City Management Association of Delaware meeting held in Harrington, we heard from Guest Speaker Jane Segraves, Community Solar Specialist for Solar on Earth.
 - March 12th Mayor Nancy and I attended the Downtown Development Districts pre application meeting in Dover, it was a great overview of the program and what is needed for the future.
 - March 14th attended the BVFC banquet. Congratulations to all the award achievers.
 - March 17th attended a meeting with City of Seaford.
 - March 18th Attended “Hill Day”, Hosted by Delaware League of Local Governments. Nancy and I traveled to Washington D.C. with other municipalities where we were able to meet with the US Senators Lisa Blunt Rochester, US Senator Chris Coons and Congress person Sarah McBride.
 - March 26th EPA Sean Carney came to the Town Hall to discussed the River Road Project.
 - March 27th Susan and I met with 2 representatives from Chesapeake Watershed Alliance
 - April 1st attended Danny Shorts Coffee Hour
 - April 8th Public workshop held to discuss the Cyber Security of the Town of Blades.
 - Received the resignation of our PT Administrative Assistant. Her Last day was April 9th.
 - 18 Door Hangers/Disconnect Notices passed out 13 paid their accounts. We gave them until April 10th to pay account or there will be shut offs. There were 4 shut offs and 1 paid. Water bills for March billing were sent out on Friday, April 10th. Without a water operator we are working around other schedules to be able to read water meters. We are working to get the readings back on a consistent schedule.
 - Request for bids for paving and lawn care for cemeteries are being advertised in the Seaford Star and will run on 4/9, 4/16 and 4/23.



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- Water Operator Position is currently being advertised in the Guide, Seaford Star and on the Delaware Rural Water website.
- Town office will be closed on April 17th.
- Mayor's Report – Mayor Nancy McAdams
 - March 12th attended the “Downtown Development District” meeting.
 - March 14th attended the Blades Fire department banquet at the Fire Department
 - March 18th Visited Capitol in Washington D.C.
 - Working with Procino's to get “Sweet Brew” set up for business. The Challenges are water, sewer, and paving in the front of the old drycleaning site.
 - Working with complaints for the higher taxes to explain the tax process etc.
 - March 25th Gary and I met with reps from DRW as they tested the water for PFAS
 - March 26th Met with Bearding Plumbing about the installation of the Water meters and met with Sean Carney EPA about the River Road project.
 - April 1st Danny Short Coffee Hour meeting
 - April 6th power washed the tables and chairs for Hardin Hall to be Town Meeting ready. We were informed by the Fire Marshall that bollards are needed to protect the gas meters on the north side of the building.
 - April 6th attended the P&Z meeting to hear Insight's explanation of the building changes
 - April 7th Council had a meeting to discuss personnel
 - April 8th Council had a meeting with ABOX technology to arrange cyber security
 - I have been asked to speak at the SCAT breakfast on Friday in Millville to explain our water Superfund situation and the state of Blades.

New Business

- Appointed Town Solicitor- Mike Smith (roll call vote)
- Councilman Donnie Trice motioned to approve The Smith Firm- Mike Smith as the Town Solicitor and councilwoman Susan Seltzer Second, Passed in a roll call vote.
- First Reading-Resolution 2026.03.09 Motor Vehicle Surplus was completed.

Councilmen Donnie Trice motioned to adjourn the regular session of the Blades Town Council meeting and move into Executive Session and seconded by Councilwoman Susan Seltzer at 8:11 pm, all in favor.

Councilmen Donnie Trice motioned to end the Town of Blades Council Meeting and Susan Seltzer second the motion.

Mayor Nancy McAdams adjourned the Blades Town Council Meeting at 8:03 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Reza
Town Administrator