



Town of Blades
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May 11, 2026
Town Council Meeting
BVFC Banquet Room
200 E. Fifth Street, Blades, DE 19973

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

Meeting called to order by Mayor Nancy McAdams at 7:05 PM
Lord's Prayer
The Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes from April 13, 2026 Town Council Meeting
Councilman Gary Gallamore motioned to approve the minutes and councilwoman Susan Seltzer seconded
Passed all in favor in written form.

➤ Community Concerns

- Resident asked about an update of the speed bump on fifth street. It was noted that Mayor and maintenance went around town and looked at all the roads to see what we are able to accomplish this year. Also, it was stated that the speed bump that is in front of a residential driveway, we are going to take the backhoe to see if it can be broken up without damaging the road.
- Resident expressed concerns about the future paving in Little Meadows community and concerns about the drainage and how that will be affected with new paving. It was expressed that the drainage needs to be looked at. This has affected his home and basement.
- Resident raised concerns about the future development in the town of blades and making sure that the processes are done correctly with community involvement.

➤ Old Business

- 2nd Reading- Resolution 2026.03.09 Motor Vehicle Surplus- 1995 Chev. Dump Truck
- Office Cyber Security Update
- 250 USA- Celebration in Blades Update
 - Met with Blades committee for the July 25th celebration, Town is not funding this event. Fundraising/sponsorship letters have been sent to many area businesses and hope to get donations from residents as well. There have been questions as to why an event in Blades since Seaford is having so many? In Blades, we are trying to implement positive events to show our residents that we do care about them and in return they will take care of their town. Encourage everyone to come out, DJ sky Brady will be the entertainment, kid's parade, events to include games, races, baby race, water balloon toss, 50/50 raffle, and food trucks.

Police Report

- DSP worked 4 paid shifts (4-hour blocks) in April. There were 5 traffic arrest
- 3 traffic citations, 1 warning, ½ Persons/criminal arrest, 2 local fugitives and 3 complaints in April

➤ Report from Planning and Zoning

- Met on Monday, May 4, 2026, went over several issues. One issue that came up was the water meters in cypress landing are not supposed to be installed in driveways and sidewalks. Upon inspection it was found by code enforcement that there was a meter in the driveway. It was discussed with the project manager and the contractor. That is going to be resolved. Working on ordinance about bulk fuel and propane storage. There are other ordinances that they are going to be working on, but they do not pertain to planning and zoning. Talking about getting a committee to review ordinances.

➤ Committee Reports:



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▪ Housing – Vice Mayor Susan Seltzer

- Code Enforcement Report: 4- Building Permits issued, 1-Certified Letter, 1-Order to Vacate, 3-Ordinance 330 Trash, 5 Ordinance 410 grass, 2- Ordinance 416 Abandoned Vehicle and 3-Rental Inspections.
- April 17th went to SCAT legislative breakfast in Millville, then took a tour of their new park with the town manager with Nancy and Mary. We were given ideas for our own park and spoke about funding.
- April 21st attended a meeting with DRWA representatives on moving forward in clearing out the catch basins within the town. Also attended the Seaford 250 committee meeting at the Senior Center. Then met with the Blades 250 committee on April 23rd
- May 2nd attended opening day ceremonies at the Nanticoke Little League. Over 327 kids will be playing this year.
- May 6th attended Danny Shorts coffee meeting at the Senior Center. That evening attended the SCAT Dinner held in Bridgeville Fire Department. The speaker was Ed Lewandowski who gave a presentation about his U of D has made impacts in the community with parks, including tidewater park in Laurel.
- Working on submitting an application for the Outdoor Recreation Parks and Trails Program grant for the park.

Water – Commissioner Gary Gallamore

- April 8th attended a Town Council workshop with a representative from Abox Technology to discuss security deficiencies at Town Hall, with particular focus on our current computer systems.
- On April 8th received results from the March quarterly PFAS sampling of the two GAC carbon filters. The LEAD filter is showing indications that it approaching the end of its service life earlier than anticipated. The LAG filter, which serves as a secondary safeguard, continues to perform effectively with no elevated readings. The LAG filter provides an additional level of treatment prior to distribution; the water supply remains safe and compliant. An evaluation is currently underway to determine the cause of the LEAD filter's reduced lifespan, and a corrective action plan is being developed to restore optimal performance. Routine monitoring will continue with the next sampling scheduled for June 2026.
- April 14th assisted Jim Mooney from DWRA in measuring the monthly well depths of each of the three wells.
- April 17th attended the SCAT breakfast with Mayor, Town Administrator and Councilwoman Seltzer. The mayor was a speaker and spoke about PFAS and Blades.
- During the week of April 20th, Beard Plumbing began replacing the remaining 257 analog water meters with the new radio read meters.

▪ Streets – Commissioner Gary Miller read by Mayor Nancy McAdams

- 3/10 thru 3/31- Kim removed trash from the park and cut grass, weeded, trimmed and cleaned sidewalks. Serviced the bathrooms, replaced flags. Did maintenance on the town equipment. Removed limbs and vegetation from town hall and cemeteries. Met with Burke co about playground equipment for future. Mayor and Mary attended the meeting.
- 4/1 thru 4/30- Trash was removed from parks, grass cut and trimmed. Kim read water meters. Filled post holes on 5th and 9th streets, removed brush from 10th street sign. Cleaned and organized town hall garage.
- 5/1 thru 5/10- made initial call to HUD for funding to replace Gator and other grants we could qualify for. Need pits cleaned out before paving can be done.

▪ Parks & Cemeteries –

- No report Submitted.

▪ Police – Commissioner Donnie Trice

- Meeting with Chief Toto at least 3 days a week in person, if not by phone.
- Lisa Fensick is the new administrative assistant. She will only be working 20 hours a week.



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- Lisa continues to work with Chief Willey. He is working with her on training her on the DELJIS system, she will be also looking and working on Grants for the Police department.
- New body cameras are in service
- Updated the police Tasers
- Grants the department is looking into applying for that will help replace equipment that is needed.
- Chief Toto attended state and county meeting for the Police Department
- DSP are still patrolling the streets in Blades
- Chief Willey will be staying on as Police Administrator for a few more months working with our new Police Chief. Thank you Chief Willey for your service and dedication to the residents of the Town of Blades and the town council.
- The police department will be sending two cadets to the police academy this year. One will be starting this July the New Castle Police Academy and the other will be starting in the DSP academy this fall. Our Plan is to send another person in the spring of 2027. It will be Dover or the state Police Academy.
- Town Administrator – Mary Reza
 - April 14th met with Jim Mooney from Delaware Rural water and he conducted the monthly well dept readings and Bacteria samples.
 - April 17th attended the monthly S.C.A.T breakfast at the Millville Community center hosted the Legislative Breakfast, which different towns discussed different topics Transportation Funding, PFAS in Drinking Water, Affordable Housing, Energy Update and other legislation. After that meeting, we met with the Town Manager of Millville to take a tour their playground and amusement area to gain some ideas from their funding and what items work and what don't work.
 - April 23rd I had an office visit with Kerwin Gaines, Delaware Department of Technology and Information (DIT) and State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP). He is going to help the town receive cyber security and work with our IT company. We are working on getting new and updated programs on our computer systems while making information that we have stored safe.
 - During the month of April Terri and I processed a lot of the Town Tax payments that were paid. Over the next month we will look at past due accounts.
 - Week of April 27th through May 2nd Kim and Marcus started with water meter readings. Terri and I started working on identifying meters that needed to be re-read and understand why a reading was not being read. We found that there was posting errors that were made in the billing software that was fixed, meters not functioning properly, old meters that still need to be replaced. Some of the meter problems were rectified. We are monitoring these meters and we are working on making sure that the we are eliminating the estimating readings. Terri was successful in getting the water bills out on Tuesday, May 2nd.
 - April 28th starting to call 16 deliquiate water accounts, 8 have paid in full, 2 are working on making payments. 6 accounts will be given disconnect notices on 5/12/2026.
 - May 6th attended Danny Shorts Coffee Hour, that evening attended SCAT meeting in Bridgeville very informative speaker from Ed Lewandowski about program through the University of Delaware and how they have been able to help Laurel with a lot of the projects of Broad Creek and the Tidewater park.
 - Terri will be out of the office from May 13th until May 19th, please bear with me during this time as I will be working in the office solo with help with Lara our police recruit will be with me to support the office duties
 - Water meters will be read the week of May 26th.
 - Town Office will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 25th.
- Mayor's Report – Mayor Nancy McAdams
 - During the week beginning April 13th



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- ◆ Residents visited my office for various reasons
- ◆ DRWA came to test and discuss the conditions of our water facility
- ◆ Maintenance man and Mayor determined the priority for paving blades streets
- ◆ Susan and Nancy purchased necessities for Hardin Hall use
- ◆ At SCAT breakfast in Millville, gave a speech about PFAS and toured their new park
- During the week beginning April 20 thru May 1st
 - ◆ After receiving water testing reports, Gary and Mayor met with Clarence from White Marsh concerning the efficiency of the water system.
 - ◆ The next day met with Joe, from DRWA on storm drainage, Kim has identified 5 functional drains of our 58 storm drains.
 - ◆ Asked Seaford for assistance, they will help with 10 out of the 53 drains. DELDOT only cleans the major drains from Market and Hill/Concord to the river.
 - ◆ Met with representative from Burke playground and park services and worked on possible grants to improve the park.
 - ◆ April 29th met with Danny Short and sent letters to Bryant Richardson and Matt Llyod for advice and funding the immediate needs of our water system. Our system is complex and has not been maintained nor updated.
 - ◆ White Marsh reps. Visited Blades to inspect the specific needs of the facility
 - ◆ As of May 1st, we received only one bid for mowing the cemeteries. Mayor opened the bid to have the cemetery in respectable conditions for Mother's Day.
 - ◆ We have two bids to be opened for paving our streets to be shared and voted upon.
 - ◆ Blades councilpersons and Mayor attended the opening day of Nanticoke Little League on May 2nd
 - ◆ Attended Danny Shorts coffee hour at the Senior Center, the SCAT dinner in Bridgeville, spoke with our former water operator and also attended the SCAT Breakfast.
 - ◆ SERCAP service organization for healthy living conditions called and we spoke with them on May 6th

New Business

- Nanticoke Watershed Alliance Update- Lisa Wool (10 minutes)
 - Attached is the presentation that was given.
- 1st Reading- Ordinance-442 Prohibiting the establishment, expansion, or operation of bulk fuel and propane storage facilities within town limits.
- Opening of sealed bids for mowing of the cemetery and paving.
 - Opening of the bid was conducted but Mayor and Council decided to table the bids. Would like to advertise and receive additional bids. Councilwoman Susan Seltzer motioned to table the bids and Councilman Garry Gallamore 2nd the motion.

Councilmen Gary Gallamore motioned to adjourn the regular session of the Blades Town Council meeting and move into Executive Session and seconded by Councilwoman Susan Seltzer at 8:43 pm, all in favor.

Councilmen Gary Gallmore motioned to adjourn the Executive Session and return to regular session and Councilman Donnie Trice seconded the motion at 10:17pm. 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 10:18 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Reza, Town Administrator