



The Town of Fenwick Island

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MARCH 23, 2018

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Council Members:

Mayor Langan, Vice Mayor Mais, Treasurer Bunting, Secretary Merritt, Council Member Carmean, Council Member Williams

Absent:

Council Member Lee

Staff in Attendance:

Town Manager Tieman, FIPD Chief Boyden, Lifeguard Captain Ferry, Building Official Schuchman, Public Works Supervisor Reed, Finance Manager Gary, Police Clerk Ellinger

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mayor Langan began the meeting at 3:30 PM. After the last Council Meeting he was informed that the beach replenishment will not begin until July. A meeting will be held this upcoming Tuesday with the Army Corp. of Engineers and Senator Carper in regards to the beach replenishment. The Mayor will provide everyone with an update at April's Council Meeting.

He also reported that Verizon will provide a temporary antenna in the parking lot behind Town Hall from April-September. A photo example was provided, but Mayor Langan promised the actual temporary antenna will not be quite as large. During that time, Verizon will be installing the small cells in Town that will not only provide safety and better cell technology for the public but also help support better police coverage.

Mayor Langan stated that the next Association of Coastal Towns (ACT) Meeting will be held on April 6th with Senator Carper in attendance. At the last ACT Meeting it was announced the Tony Pratt is retiring from DNREC and will begin working for Senator Carper.

Southern Living Magazine has named Fenwick Island as the third "Best Tiny Town" in the South.

FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Beach Patrol Manual Revisions

Lifeguard Captain Ferry reported that the United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) requires that the Beach Patrol Manual be updated every 2-3 years to maintain its USLA certification. Included in the recertification are 21 hours CPR training and first aid training courses, as well as ongoing swimming training.

Council Member Carmean requested that under Section II, the fifth bullet be amended from "proper attitude conducive to the work environment..." to "professional attitude conducive to the work environment..."

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carmean to accept the revised Beach Patrol Manual with the amended bullet, seconded by Secretary Merritt. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Dredging Committee Funding for Geotechnical Study

Secretary Merritt reported that there have been two meetings of the Dredging Committee. Recently, a report was provided by John D. Hynes & Associates on a proposal to test the Little Assawoman Bay on the south end of Town. Six areas have been identified for sampling.

Jason Lindsey from John D. Hynes & Associates informed everyone that the 6 samples will be taken back to the lab and tested, after which all samples will be combined and sent out for a chemical test.

Secretary Merritt noted that these tests will help the Town begin the project with DNREC and provide results on where to put the dredging spoils. Mayor Langan questioned if the testing was being done only in the Little Assawoman Bay. Secretary Merritt responded yes, that just the south end of the Bay would be part of the test.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carmean to retain the services of John D. Hynes & Associates to proceed with subsurface exploration and geotechnical services, seconded by Vice Mayor Mais. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Request for Approval to Purchase a Side-By-Side

Public Works Supervisor Reed reported on the bids received for the purchase of a new side-by-side vehicle for the Beach Patrol. The current vehicle will require repairs in the amount of \$6,000, which is more than the value of the vehicle.

Three bids were received, with the preferred bid for the Polaris from Delmarva Sports. The bid total was \$15,045 which includes a rear roof rack. The total cost, after trade-in for the current vehicle and donations received, is \$13,305, which would be paid out of RTT funds. Public Works Supervisor Reed explained that although the bid from Delmarva Sports was the middle bid, this particular vehicle is more suitable for beach use.

Council Member Carmean asked who came up with the specs for the side by side. Public Works Supervisor Reed responded that he contacted Bethany Beach on what it uses and then conferred with Lifeguard Captain Ferry about the lifeguard needs.

Council Member Carmean then questioned why the lowest bid was not being selected. Public Works Supervisor Reed stated that Polaris is a better brand and more adaptable to beach conditions. Council Member Carmean then asked why Delmarva Sports in Maryland was selected and not a vendor in Delaware. Public Works Supervisor Reed stated that he thought if the vehicle needed to be repaired that it would be easier to reach Salisbury in the summer time instead of Dover due to beach traffic.