



The Town of Fenwick Island

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OCTOBER 26, 2018

MINUTES

In Attendance

Town Council Members:

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

Staff in Attendance:

Town Manager Tieman, Chief Boyden, Building Official Schuchman, Public Works Supervisor Reed, Finance Manager Gary, Town Clerk Martin, Assistant Building Official Ellinger

President's Report

Mayor Langan began the meeting at 3:30 PM.

An agreement has been reached with the Bethany Beach Volunteer Fire Department to extend the current contract for an additional 5 years. The rate will remain the same (\$53 per household).

Mayor Langan made the Committee announcements for 2018-2019.

For Discussion and Possible Action

Lifesaving World Championship

Town Manager Tieman requested the Council approve \$400 for Emily Ruppert, to cover expenses while she is competing at the World Lifesaving Championship in November. \$200 will be taken from the Beach Committee account and the other \$200 will be taken from the Beach Patrol budget. Beach Patrol Captain Ferry added that the funds from the ad will be split with half going towards expenditures for the USA team, while the other half will go to Emily.

A MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Mais, seconded by Council Member Lee, to approve the \$400 for the digital ad. The MOTION passed unanimously.

RFP for Appraisal Services

Town Manager Tieman gave a PowerPoint presentation in regards to the revaluation. During the revaluation, some property tax bills may increase while others may decrease.

Council Member Lee added that while she was on the Finance Committee, the entire Committee was in agreement that each property value needs to be fairly assessed.

A MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Mais, seconded by Council Member Carmean, to approve the RFP. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carmean, seconded by Treasurer Bunting, to accept the minutes from the September 28, 2018 Council Meeting.

Council Member Carmean noted that in the Public Works section of the department reports, it was actually Council Member Lee who made the comment.

The MOTION to accept the revised minutes as noted passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bunting presented the report for the period ending September 30, 2018. He commented that the Town is still in the negative on expenditures and seems to be in a good position right now.

Council Member Carmean questioned about the outstanding property tax. Town Manager Tieman responded that the one property has been turned over to the Town Solicitor for action.

Council Member Carmean then asked what the status was for the audit. Treasurer Bunting responded that the Audit Report will be presented at the December Town Council Meeting.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carmean, seconded by Vice Mayor Mais, to accept the Treasurer's Report. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Tieman submitted her report. She added that the plan for landscaping around the Town sign has been submitted to DelDOT for approval. She also added that she is currently conducting interviews for the Beach Patrol Captain. Once the interviews are complete, second interviews with the Council will be arranged.

Department Reports

Building

Building Official Schuchman stated that 5 business licenses were issued in September. She added that of the 2 FEMA requests she received, 1 property withdrew the request, but the application for the other property has been submitted.

Public Works

Public Works Supervisor Reed reported that the median work has been completed. He also added that he, along with John Farrace, attended a flagger class and are now certified flaggers until 2022.

Mayor Langan asked if the medians will be hydro-seeded. Public Works Supervisor Reed responded yes, and borders will also be installed around the existing trees. The State will provide spraying of the medians.