



The Town of Fenwick Island

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 28, 2018 – 3:30 p.m.

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

President's Report

Mayor Langan stated that the beach replenishment project is complete. DNREC has finished replacing dune fencing but the planting of the dune grass is expected to be done at a later date.

Mayor Langan, Mary Ellen Langan and Town Manager Tieman attended Governor Carney's signing of Senate Bill 200 and Senate Bill 207, which will prohibit and prevent offshore drilling in Delaware's coastal waters.

Mayor Langan reminded those interested in signing up for Town Committees to submit their forms to the Town Clerk prior to the October Town Council meeting, when Committee assignments will be announced.

Mayor Langan stated the Town's Emergency Management Committee met in preparation of issues related to Hurricane Florence.

For Discussion and Possible Action

Proclamation Honoring Corporal Stephen Lowe

Chief Boyden presented a proclamation and a lifesaving medal to Cpl. Stephen Lowe in recognition of an emergency event that happened at Thunder Lagoon Water Park, where he successfully revived an unconscious male using an AED.

Professional Service Agreement for State Line Beach Services

Town Manager Tieman explained that the Professional Services Agreement for State Line Beach Lifeguard Services contract expires at the end of the year. Both the State and Town would like to extend the contract. She added that the Town currently receives \$45,000 per year from the State and Sussex County contributes an additional \$15,000 for these services. Combined with the contract amounts paid by Go Melvo and Steen's Beach Service, the total revenue to the Town is \$75,712, which covers all but \$8,473 of the expense.

Vice Mayor Mais noted that this agreement is for the area from Atlantic Street to the State Line Beach.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carmean, seconded by Secretary Merritt to approve extending the Professional Services Agreement for State Line Beach Lifeguard Services. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Revision of Go Melvo Contract for State Line Beach Services

Town Manager Tieman explained that the contract with Go Melvo to provide State Line Beach Services is due to expire and does not allow for any extensions. Go Melvo has provided satisfactory beach service with no known complaints. Town Manager Tieman asked that the Town Council approve a revision to the existing contract so that it may be extended for five years for \$12,500 per year.

A MOTION was made by Treasurer Bunting, seconded by Secretary Merritt to approve a revision to the existing contract so that it may be extended for five years for \$12,500 per year. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Selection of Verizon Plan

Town Manager Tieman presented the final design of the Verizon plan for placement of small cell coverage within Town. There will one 60' pole placed behind Town Hall. Two additional poles are planned to be located on Rt. 54 and two more poles on Rt. 1 north of Town. The single pole behind Town Hall will provide coverage to the bay, beach and south via three antennas and is expected to be fully operational by next summer.

A MOTION was made by Secretary Merritt, seconded by Treasurer Bunting to approve the placement of the Verizon pole behind Town Hall. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Town Manager Tieman commented on a transcription error from the July 28, 2018 minutes and read the corrected version into the record. Council Member Julie Lee stated she tried to hear the audio version once again but was unable since the Town Clerk was unavailable. Council Member Lee added she would abstain from voting on the corrected minutes.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Bunting, seconded by Vice Mayor Mais, to accept the corrected minutes from the July 28, 2018 meeting. The MOTION passed with six in favor and one abstained.

Mayor Langan stated that since there are several minutes from previous meetings Town Council would follow the "consent agenda" which will allow Town Council to approve all of the minutes at the same time as long as the date of each of the minutes is read into the record.

A MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Mais, seconded by Council Member Carmean, to follow the "consent agenda" and approve all of the minutes at the same time with comments allowed. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Treasurer Bunting commented that on page 4 of the August 30, 2018 Special Council Meeting, there was a statement that there was \$13,000 in legal fees for the month of July made by Richard Benn which was incorrect. That was the total amount of legal fees for the entire fiscal