



# The Town of Fenwick Island

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## **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 22, 2019 AT 10:00 AM**

### **MINUTES**

#### In Attendance

Richard Mais, Richard Benn, Gardner Bunting, Vicki Carmean, Mark Tingle, Bill Weistling, Roy Williams

#### Absent

Julie Lee

#### Also in Attendance

Terry Tieman, Dean Gary, Pat Schuchman, Erin Ellinger, Madeline Overturf (WRDE)

Richard called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

#### Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Vicki, seconded by Bill, to accept the minutes from the January 25, 2019 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Parking fee, rates and hours

Richard Mais began the meeting by reminding the Committee that the change from last year to extend parking permit hours was rescinded after an objection by the Business Development Committee. The time was changed back to what it had been previously, which are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Vicki stated there was too much going on in Town at the moment and was in favor of keeping the hours and fees the same for one more year. Richard Benn and Mark both agreed that the hours should be extended to 10:00 p.m., in order to capture the revenue that could be generated for evening parking.

Roy Williams was opposed to allowing the use of the beach ends for public parking during the evenings. He and Vicki both agreed that these areas are relied upon for parking by bayside residents. Richard Mais stated he also is not in favor of opening the beach ends to the public.

It was agreed to recommend that paid parking be extended to 6:00 p.m. Richard Mais will report this to Town Council at today's meeting. Terry will inform the Business Development Committee of this recommendation and ask for their input.

It was agreed to keep the rates and fees the same for this year. A discussion continued on Joyce Chanconas' concern that additional blue hanging tags are being sold. Terry confirmed that a count of additional blue tags sold in FY17 was 34 and for FY18 there were 7 tags sold. The reason for the lower amount in FY18 was that the fee went up to \$400 for an additional

tag. Only one additional tag can be purchased. There was no interest in changing the purchase of one additional tag.

#### ParkMobile

Terry informed the Committee of the use of a mobile app that will allow the purchase of a parking permit.

The kiosk will continue to be available for those who wish to purchase a parking slip for their vehicle. This will provide the public two methods in which to pay for parking on Town streets.

#### Old Business

Roy stated that he is concerned that the Federal government has said it will no longer fund beach replenishment projects and is interested in seeing a division of the revenue from the building permit that will be issued to the Sands and use that and the 2½% RTT money that has been dedicated for dredging and sidewalks for beach replenishment. He recommends a split of 2-2-2, or 2%, for beach replenishment, dredging and sidewalks.

Terry stated she and Gene attended a DNREC meeting where coastal communities were warned that there would be no future funding from the State for beach replenishment. She mentioned that Maryland and the Army Corps. of Engineers have an agreement where they pay 50% of the cost with the other 50% being funded by the county and towns. That would mean a cost of 25% cost to the Town. She agreed with Roy and suggested a "rainy day" fund be implemented.

Terry recommended this be brought up at a Town Council meeting once the Sands building permit has been issued. She also cautioned that we run a risk by taking from RTT for various projects. We may have some relief once the new valuation of properties is complete.

Richard Mais will recommend to Town Council that we wait until the Sands building permit is issued to decide on the distribution of that money and would recommend a 2-2-2 split from RTT funds and the permit fee for dredging, sidewalks and beach replenishment. A motion was made by Roy Williams, seconded by Gardner Bunting. The motion passed 6-1, with Vicki opposed.

#### Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Terry stated that the revaluation of Town properties continues with a completed goal of May 1<sup>st</sup>. The new valuation will be used for this year's tax billing.

#### Next Meeting

To be determined.

#### Adjournment

A motion was made by Vicki, seconded by Richard Benn to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.