

Town of Fenwick Island
Minutes of the Charter & Ordinance Committee Meeting
June 5, 2020

Call to Order at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Committee Members Bill Weistling, Mike Houser, Reid Tingle, Bill Mould, Mike Quinn, Faye Horner, Bernie Merritt, Terry Tieman, Linda Martin and Pat Schuchman

Public in Attendance (via teleconference): Vicki Carmean, Roy Williams

COVID-19:

Bill Weistling began the meeting with the following statement: *"This meeting is being conducted consistent with Governor Carney's Executive Order of March 13, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in regards to the Coronavirus pandemic.*

In order to mitigate the transmission of the virus and reduce risk of COVID-19 illness, we have been advised and directed by the Governor to suspend public gatherings, and as such, the Governor's Order suspends the requirement of the Open Meeting Law to have all meetings in a publicly accessible physical location."

Minutes:

- Mike Houser made a motion to approve the minutes of April 12, 2019 seconded by Bernie Merritt. Mike Quinn and Faye Horner abstained. Motion passed.

Issues for Discussion & Possible Action:

- Bill Weistling introduced the item for discussion and stated there would be no comments or discussion from the public.
- The Hotel Moratorium ordinance was passed by Town Council in 2016 with the intention of seeing what impact the new Sands hotel would have on the Town.
- The original was in effect for two years and then renewed for 2018-2020.
- It is the intention to establish a new ordinance which was reviewed by the Town Attorney with suggestions from Councilmember Carmean.
- With the new hotel still not completed the impact of this business has yet to be seen.
- All agreed to recommend to Town Council to extend this revised ordinance for two years.
- There will be a first reading introduced at the June 26, 2020 Town Council Meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting to be determined.

Old Business:

Terry Tieman stated that the proposed codebook re-write will be included in 2021 budget.

Public Participation:

Vicki Carmean stated she doesn't believe there is any more land in Town to build a new hotel and that she is also in favor a extending the moratorium and additional two years. Roy Williams commented he would like to see more items on the agenda.

Adjourn:

Mike Houser made a motion to adjourn seconded by Bernie Merritt at 9:50 a.m.