

Town of Bowers  
3308 Main Street  
Bowers Beach  
Frederica, DE 19946

Regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm on January 9, 2014 by Mayor Ron Hunsicker.

Council members in attendance were: Bob McDevitt, Helena Hannah, and Ada Carter.

The pledge of allegiance was recited in unison.

Total number in attendance was a total of 12.

Minutes for the December meeting were read by Mayor Ron. A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Ada to approve the minutes. M/c.

Treasurers Report was read by Helena. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report by Bob, seconded by Ada. I^/c.

Voter Registration was available for anyone who hasn't registered yet.

Greg Williams from DNREC was in attendance. He discussed the state national insurance flood program. FEMA conducted a study to produce new flood maps. The effective date for those is July 7<sup>th</sup>. This will affect insurance rates. FEMA is requiring that every town have *an* ordinance to address this issue and it must be adopted prior to the July 7<sup>th</sup> date. He explained what FEMA is doing and what it means to us. There was a question and answer session with council and the floor. Barrett Edwards was also in attendance on the Town's behalf from Hudson, Jones, and Jaywork.

Committee Reports:

Streets - Mayor Ron forgot about snow plowing since Wendell handled it. We did

get it taken care of. Jordan Giuttari said that he would be interested *m* plowing

for the Town and was supposed to have a quote for tonight but did not get it to

Mayor Ron. He would like to have the authority to tell him to handle the snow plowing in the event we have another storm. A suggestion was made to get pricing

from Jordan as well as Sullivan's Landscaping. Bob McDevitt will handle the snow

plowing issue.

Bob called about a street light that isn't working.

Drainage Status and Grant referendum vote - There were 15 people that voted. There were 15 yes votes and zero no votes.

#### Old Business:

Channel Dredging - Ada reported on the matter and provided a handout that had plan with dates that work will be started. The dredging will start on the 17<sup>th</sup> and could continue through the end of February. There was a discussion on the floor concerning the matter.

Town Website - We did receive 3 different examples and one was picked out. In another 30 days the new website will be up and running.

University of DE - Next meeting will be will be January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

CAV Update - Ada reported on this matter and there was a discussion on the floor.

Williams Street will be closed completely and the Town and Fire Company will be provided with a key. This will prevent his property from being damaged.

#### New Business:

Kent County Elections would like to meet with us regarding the laws concerning the elections. We need to appoint a new Board of Elections. Mayor Ron asked for volunteers to be on this committee. The committee members chosen were Doug Prostko, Mark Puzzo, and Diane Yearsley.

The next election will be held in August so we will have Kent County Elections come to our next meeting to discuss the procedures.

Mayor Ron entertained a motion to approve the loan for the drainage which was made by Ada and seconded by Helena. Each individual was called upon individually Ada "I", Bob "I", Helena "I", and Ron "I". The resolution for the loan for the drainage was passed unanimously.

We discussed the matter concerning PJ King and taxes that were owed on a property that was purchased. They did end up paying the taxes but did not pay the additional fees that were added on. Barrett Edwards explained this matter. Council decided that it may be *in* our best interest to let the additional fees go. It was decided to accept a fee of \$500.00 to cover the attorney fees. A motion was made by Ada, seconded by Bob to require them to pay the \$500.00 and the matter will be resolved. M/c.

The trash rate is going to increase. There was a discussion on the floor concerning this matter.

There was a banking resolution to add Helena onto the bank accounts as signer. Ada made a motion to accept the resolution, seconded by Bob. M/c.

Open Discussion:

There was nothing further from council.

Mayor Ron read correspondence received.

Mayor Ron thanked Rich Oliver for the work on the ballot box. There will be a voting machine used for the election in August.

A question was asked about the crane that is raised to by the tallest thing in Bowers. He wondered if that could be lowered at all. Bob said he will talk to Pete to see if he can lower it.

There being no further business a motion was made by Ada, seconded by Bob to adjourn the meeting @ 8:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shirley A. Pennington

Secretary, Town of Bowers Beach

