

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

Regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm on May 8, 2014 by Vice-Mayor Ada Carter.

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited in unison.

Total number in attendance was a total of 12.

Minutes from the previous month were read by the Secretary. A motion was made by Ada, seconded by Helena to approve the minutes as read. M/c.

Treasurer's Report was read by the Treasurer. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report by Shirley, seconded by Bob. M/c.

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

Committee Reports:

Parks and Recreation - Jeff reported that the swingset needs to be painted. He also would like to move the park stuff from his house to a shed or storage. They will check to see if our current shed can be fixed to use. The mulch may need to be replaced, Bob will check with Wendell and Kyle will also get pricing for a truck load of mulch. The Bocce court needs to be policed for trash and weeds. Maybe we can coordinated a cleanup for the Bocce courts when it is Town cleanup day on June 7th.

Drainage Grants - Bonnie said that 5 firms were contacted for the project. 2 of the firms said no in the beginning and they met with 3 firms. Only 2 of the 3 turned in proposals. The committee will meet and review the proposals and pick one for the project.

Hubbard Avenue will be the first project to be completed.

Planning - No Report.

Streets - Bob said that there are about 10 potholes throughout the town that need to be addressed and he will be contacting a company to have them repaired. He also reported that the 2 stop signs that were knocked down have been fixed.

Board of Adjustments - Kyle discussed an issue that a property owner is having with improvements. Ada said she would be willing to help the property owner please be sure to give them her number.

Code Enforcement - No Report.

Board of Elections - No Report.

BCIC - At their meeting they discussed the location of the kiosks which will be at Frenchies and by the bridge. There was a discussion on the floor concerning those locations. They will also be looking into bike paths.

Old Business:

CAV Update - There is a light at the end of the tunnel. We have found all of the property owners. There are some funding issues. Kent County, if passed will fund up to 70% of the eligible properties on the list. There was a discussion on the floor concerning this matter. It was proposed that the Town would cover 20% with a \$4,500.00 max. We would reimburse the owner for costs to do the minimum required to bring the property into compliance. There would be an MOU with the county, the town, and the property owner. Then there would be an application process as well. Best estimate of cost to the town would be \$10,000.00.

Buccaneer Bash - It has been heavily advertised and we are hoping for a good turnout.

Community Cleanup - This will take place on June 7th. We discussed having a large dumpster vs. being able to take it to your curb to be picked up. Bob will check into our options. One resident feels that there should be an ordinance for piling junk in your yard and leaving it there, it becomes an eyesore.

Doggie Disposal - Rich Oliver reported that there is progress. They will use bags for both trash and animal waste. There will be stations with bags in certain areas for visitors and residents to pick up and use. These should be fairly inexpensive.

Delaware Bayshore Stewards - Judy Martin reported that there will be training soon.

New Business:

A motion was made by Shirley, seconded by Helena to approve the resolution MOU with Kent County regarding the funding for non-compliant properties inclusive of any non-substantive changes required by Kent County and subject to the Kent County contribution possibly being a number higher than \$30,000.00.

Open Discussion:

Ada reported that there were 7 properties identified as below flood elevation. They need to submit a plan that FEMA will approve.

There was nothing further from council.

Doug Prostko asked about a town ordinance for lawn care and junk piled in your yard. He asked what ordinances are already in place for the town and how are they enforced. We will discuss this further at our next meeting.

There being no further business a motion was made by Shirley, 2nd by Helena to adjourn the meeting @ 8:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shirley A. Pennington
Secretary for the
Town of Bowers Beach