

Town of Bowers
3008 Main Street
Bowers Beach
Frederica, DE 19946

Regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm on September 12, 2013 by Mayor Ron Hunsicker.

Council members in attendance were: Bob McDevit, and Ada Carter. Jordan Giuttari will arrive late to the meeting.

The pledge of allegiance was recited in unison.

Total number in attendance was a total of _____.

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

Reading of the minutes by Mayor Ron. Motion was made by Bob and 2nd by Ada to accept the minutes as read. M/c.

Treasurer's report was read by Mayor Ron. Motion was made by Bob and 2nd by Ada to accept the Treasurer's report as read. M/c.

Committee Reports:

Parks and Recreation - No Report

Streets - Kyle is putting together a list of streets that are in need of repair.

Board of Adjustments- No Report.

Code Enforcement - No Report.

Old Business:

Drainage - Mayor Ron sent the documents needed to go forward with the loan documents. He read a loan resolution for addressing three areas within the town. He brought everyone up to speed on where we are at with the grant. Motion made by Bob, seconded by Ada to sign the loan resolution. M/c. The second resolution had to do with the loan resolution security agreement and sets the terms of the loan. A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Ada to sign the loan resolution

security agreement. M/c. The third resolution was for Waste and Water System Grant Agreement. A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Ada to sign this agreement. M/c. Next there was a letter of intent to meet conditions that needed to be signed by council. A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Ada to sign the letter of intent. M/c. Last there was a project agreement from the 21st Century Fund. Bob made a motion, seconded by Ada to sign the project agreement with the 21st Century Fund. M/c. We will also need to have a referendum due to the amount that is set forth in the charter so that will be scheduled.

Channel Dredging - No update.

Town Website - We are on our way to getting it up and running. Demo by October.

CAV Update - Ada gave an update. She has met with FEMA again. She asked for written documentation as to the ones that should be off the list. We are preparing a document for everyone to see the progress that has been made. From last meeting there were four additional properties that were removed from the list. Ada is working on 7 properties, Bob is working on 1 property, and there are 3 properties that have not been looked at yet that will need to be researched. There was a discussion on the floor concerning the matter. Some instances are just a matter of missing documentation that can be cleared up. There is still a chance that we will go on probation on November 20th and it would last at least 6 months. Ada will be attending another meeting at the end of the month and will have another update at the next meeting.

There needed to be a vote on the Flood Ordinance Amendment for the designation of the flood plain administrator after read by Mayor Ron. A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Ada to accept the amendment as written. M/c.

Liberto Property - Options were discussed concerning the road being kept open on the Liberto property. We need to consider the options presented by Barrett. Mayor Ron brought everyone up to speed. Council then adjourned the regular meeting for an executive session.

Off record for executive session.

On record back to regular meeting.

Discussion was opened concerning the Liberto property. Mayor Ron will be the spokesperson for the town and contact Jeff Liberto. Everyone was in agreement that Mayor Ron Schedule a meeting with him to see if this matter can be resolved.

Town Cleanup - Rolled it into the Coastal Cleanup. This will be on the 21st and there are already over 100 volunteers.

Tree Grant for Bocce Courts - We will not be going for the grant but Bob will get a committee together to come up with some ideas of trees and shrubs that can be

planted and will cost less than \$1,000.00. The Forestry department will still help with information and ideas as well as helping us if needed.

New Business:

The comprehensive plan was changed. Will be a new zone called retail residential. This would be an area on Main Street and would require a zoning code amendment. Rezoned some areas on Hubbard as residential and then making 6 lots on Main retail residential. Mayor Ron has received calls about this so he feels that we need to move forward. He would like to form a committee to look at the plan and have a separate meeting. There was a discussion on the floor concerning the matter. There were some volunteers for the committee. A meeting was set for the 21st at 10:00am, whoever would like to attend is welcome.

Informational Kioscs - this was a suggestion made to have here in town.

Coast Day is October 6th and the Bay Beach Communities will be participating, including Bowers.

Police Protection was brought up and we have contacted the State Police about additional patrolling in Bowers.

It is Fund Drive time for the Bowers Fire Company. A motion was made by Bob, 2nd by Ada to give \$500.00 to the Bowers Fire Company.

It is conference time in Dover. Please support them on Saturday for the parade.

Bob said that someone has been kidnapping trash dumpsters. He is currently out of dumpsters. If anyone has extra please let Bob know and he will pick them up.

Open Discussion:

A question was asked about police protection. If you have a problem please call 911. On occasion we do have a uniformed officer that patrols the area that we pay for out of the town funds. Wendall is trying to help with this situation.

The renters agreement was brought up. It was asked if anyone was interested in trying to revive that committee. There was a discussion on the matter.

Again residents were reminded that when an incident occurs please be sure to document and give the documentation to council. Please call 911 if there is a problem or you see suspicious activity.

The museum is starting a new project. A historical walk through the town.

There being no further business a motion was made by Bob, seconded by Ada to adjourn the meeting @ 8:50 pm.

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