

**Town of Bowers  
3308 Main St.  
Bowers Beach  
Frederica, DE 19946**

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm on August 14, 2014, by Treasurer Helena Hannah.

Council Members present were: Helena Hannah, Bob McDevitt and Diane Yeisley

The total number in attendance was 16.

Helena read the Board of Election affidavit and new council members were sworn in. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Diane to accept Helena as Treasurer. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Helena to accept Diane as Secretary. The terms for these council members will run until August, 2016.

Ron Hunsicker's letter of resignation was read. A motion was made by Helena and seconded by Bob to accept Mayor Hunsicker's resignation.

The minutes from the July meeting were read. A motion was made by Helena and seconded by Bob to accept them as read.

There was no treasurer's report due to the fact that the hard drive on the computer had crashed and all electronic files stored thereon were lost. There was no back up available due to a miscommunication regarding the renewal of the subscription to the back up service. The new subscription is now in place. Since the fiscal year ended on June 30, 2014, the treasurer will begin the new financial files as of July 1, 2014.

Voter registration was available for all who have not yet registered.

**Committees:**

**Parks and Recreation:** The swing sets have been repaired. The bird netting continues to be taken down and the committee has decided to leave it down for the time being.

**Planning:** No report. Bob stated that he wants to reorganize the committee and it should be up and running by the spring.

**Streets:** Bob has received the second estimate for pot hole repair. Both have been approximately \$2,000. Since this is a small job, most contractors are not interested. The major cost of the repair is the mobilization of the crews and equipment.

**Adjustment:** No report.

**Zoning** – Code Enforcement: Bob has been receiving many calls from Real Estate Agents regarding the numerous properties for sale in the town. Construction of two new properties is under way. 46 N. Bayshore is in the plan revision state and actual construction should begin in a few weeks. Construction on the new residence on N. Flack is well under way.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Big Thursday** – Everything went well albeit attendance was about the same as last year. It seems that the car show was missed. Judy Martin is going to look into some additional activities for next year. All were reminded that volunteers are needed and everyone is welcome to walk in the parade.

**Drainage** – Bonnie Oliver reported that we now have a timeline from McCrone. The engineering plan should be ready for presentation at the next town meeting. Bonnie recommended that the loan process be started by early September.

**CAV** – No report

**Bonding of Piling Contractors** – After a short discussion on the floor Helena said she would contact the insurance company for the town to get more information.

**DE Scenic By-way** – No report

**Phragmites kill** – No report. Diane will contact Shirley to get update.

**Audit** – Helena will contact the Fire Company regarding doing the audit for 2013-2014. This will have to be done with paper copies since the electronic files were lost.

**Coastal Clean-up** – The date is September 20<sup>th</sup>. The spots for cleanup in Bowers are filled but volunteers are still needed for different areas.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**FEMA** – The deadline for property compliance is August 15<sup>th</sup>. Ada will be working on a revised MOU with the county to extend this deadline to November 15<sup>th</sup>. As of tonight it is believed that there are 7 property owners who have either completed or are in the process of completing required work.

**Bowers Homecoming** – Plans are coming along for this event on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available at the museum.

A question was asked from the floor regarding the second signatory to the checking account and after some discussion, a motion was made by Helena and seconded by Diane for Bob to be the second signer on Town checks.

Discussions were held regarding the options to fill the vacancy of the Mayor's seat on the town council and progress made regarding FEMA issues.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Bob and seconded by Helena to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane K. Yeisley  
Secretary for the  
Town of Bowers Beach