

Town of Bowers
3231 Main Street
Bowers Beach
Frederica, DE 19946

Regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm on September 11, 2008.

Council members in attendance were: Janet Feague, Ron Hunsicker, William "Frenchie" Poulin, Wendell Kinney, and Shirley Pennington.

Mayor started off by reflecting on the events of 9/11 and giving a moment to remember those that lost their lives on that tragic day.

Reading of the minutes by Shirley Pennington. Motion was made by Janet, 2nd by Frenchie to accept the minutes as read.

Treasurer's report was read by Janet Feague. Motion was made by Frenchie, 2nd by Shirley to accept the report as read.

Ron was sworn in as Mayor since that was not done at our previous meeting.

Committee Reports:

Community Emergency Alert - Ron met with Chief Pennington and President Willie Trowbridge of the Bowers Fire Company to make a plan of action for any upcoming storms. The plan was discussed.

Streets - The town streets are in need of repair. Frenchie said he will look into getting some money for improvements by contacting elected officials.

Our Town website is back up and running once again.

Ron stressed that he would like Voter Registration to be available at every meeting. Frenchie will see that the Voter Registration book is available at the next meeting.

Old Business:

Beach fires and fire permitting - Chief Pennington is working on this and should be at the next meeting with a report.

Cleanup of Buildings and vehicles - The large white building on the corner of Main and Hubbard Streets owned by Steve Miller has been complained about. After a discussion it was decided to send a certified letter to the owner to address the problems. If nothing is resolved in that manner then the town will file a letter of complaint against the owner.

118 Hubbard Avenue - Had complaints about the weeds that have grown up around the property. The property is in the process of foreclosure.

Wendell is to take care of cutting down the weeds and a lien will be put against the property to recover the cost.

Tiny Koerner no longer wants to be the Building Code Enforcement person. A motion was made by Janet and 2nd by Frenchie that Jack Hahn take over that position,

We have not yet completed the information needed to proceed with the hearings on the past zoning revisions. Frenchie and Jack are to be working on this together.

Fragmitis Grant - No rep was available and Frenchie said that it was too late for this season anyway and he will work on getting the information for next year so that we can take advantage of this program.

Volunteer work in Town Park - Discussion as to what work should be done in the park. Cleanup will take place on August 23rd.

Liberto Property - Jeff Liberto discussed his property and what he would like to do as far as the easement on his property. After a brief discussion it was decided that he needs to contact other agencies and get information before the town can make a decision on the matter.

New Business:

Committees - 5 Resolutions were presented, one for each of the following:

A motion was made by Frenchie and 2nd by Shirley to accept the resolutions as presented.

Planning - Mike K. will be the chairperson for this committee.

(Motion made by Shirley and 2nd by Frenchie)

Budget - Carl Fultz will be the chairperson for this committee.

(Motion made by Shirley and 2nd by Janet)

Parks and Recreation - Ray Kondratya will be the chairperson for this Committee. (Motion by Shirley and 2nd by Wendell)
Streets and Storm Water - No one appointed to this committee yet.
Traffic - No one appointed to this committee yet.

We must appoint an Assistant Treasurer and an Assistant Secretary outside of Town Council. Ron suggested Carl Fultz for the Assistant Treasurer since he is the chair for the budget committee. A motion was made by Shirley and 2nd by Janet to appoint Carl as the Assistant Treasurer. Since Jack Hahn was the outgoing secretary it only makes sense that he be appointed to the position of Assistant Secretary. A motion was made by Frenchie, 2nd by Wendell to appoint Jack as the Assistant Secretary.

We will be posting the minutes on our website for all to view.

There was a suggestion made to have a microphone at the table. Ron said that we would not be doing that we will try to talk louder so all can hear.

Discussed the bonding of town officials and that the amount should be brought up to \$ 50,000.00. A motion was made by Frenchie and 2nd by Janet to do this.

There will be a mitigation workshop on the 17th that Ron will be attending. He will tell us about it at the next meeting.

Our current tax rate is \$0.30 on every \$ 100.00.

Ron would like to have lights on the Town of Bowers Beach sign coming in to town. We will talk with the Coast Guard because we had used their lighting previously. Also we should price the cost of a pole and light of our own. Since Ray is now in charge of parks and rec he will be in charge of handling this.

Ray also discussed that he would like to have a tree lighting ceremony this year. He would also like to see the flag with lighting as well.

We need to change the Dog Ordinance to an Animal Control Ordinance. This

is because there have also been goats and horses seen as well. The state law concerning the dog leash law was discussed. It states that no dogs at all from May 1st thru September 30th. We need to schedule a hearing for this ordinance, preferably on a Saturday. A motion was made by Frenchie and 2nd by Shirley to have a hearing concerning this ordinance.

Opened discussion to the floor:

Upcoming events for the Bowers Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary were discussed by Shirley.

Ray as chairperson for Parks and Rec discussed his ideas for the town which included:

- Lighting of the tree for the Holidays

- An arts and craft show

- Dog Show with two separate categories

- Town Picnic on a Sunday with everyone to bring a covered dish

- October fest

Motion was made by Shirley Pennington, 2nd by Wendell Kinney to adjourn meeting @ 8:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shirley A. Pennington
Secretary for the
Town of Bowers Beach