

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

Regular meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm on November 13, 2008 by Mayor Ron Honsicker.

Council members in attendance were: Ron Hunsicker, William "Frenchie" Poulin, Carl Fultz, and Shirley Pennington. Absent from meeting was Wendell Kinney.

We had a moment of silence to honor Philip Tuthill who passed away this week. Phil was a Past Mayor of the Town of Bowers. Services will be held this weekend.

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

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

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

Subdivision Application-Flack Avenue Properties Tax Parcel Nos. 08-01-11416-01-0301-0100-0200- The town has no subdivision ordinance. Ron read excerpts from a document that was drafted by the owners' lawyers which was a declaration of restrictions. Recommendations for modification of the draft declaration of restrictions were made. These need to be addressed prior to permits being issued. The property map was looked at and some options were discussed. A motion was made by Shirley and 2nd by Carl that we draft a letter stating that Council found nothing in the revised plan in conflict with the Town of Bowers Zoning Ordinance with the understanding that prior to building permits being issued, all requirements of the amended Code must be adhered to, most specifically Article 4.10 Street Access as amended on October 9, 2008.

Committee Reports:

Community Emergency Alert - No Report

Parks and Recreation - The community picnic was held last month and was a success. We hope that the event will be bigger next year. We took in donations of \$51.00 to be deposited into the Parks and Rec account. The tree lighting ceremony is scheduled to take place on December 12th. There will be Hot Chocolate and Caroling. Estimates were submitted for the lighting of the tree and flagpole in the amount of \$3100.00. A motion was made by Frenchie and 2nd by Carl that we spend up to the amount of \$3100.00 on the lighting. Also the equipment that was ordered for the park is in and will be installed soon.

Budget - Mike K. new chairperson for this committee since Carl accepted the position of Treasurer. He will also fill the position of assistant treasurer. He will be working closely with Carl and try to get some grants for the town. A motion was made by Shirley and 2nd by Frenchie to accept Mike as the chairperson for the budget committee and assistant treasurer.

Streets - Frenchie said that it is a "no go" with elected officials for money for the street improvements. One of Mike's projects will be to work on finding funding for street improvements.

Old Business:

Cleanup of Buildings and Vehicles - Clean up completed on 118 Hubbard.

Fragmitis Grant - This will be put on the agenda for February. Chief Pennington will have a representative present to discuss our options at that time.

Drainage on Bayshore Drive - The drainage cannot be completed as of yet but the fire company will do it as soon as it is possible.

2009 Big Thursday - Planning will begin after the holidays. Will work in conjunction with the fire company to plan a bigger event, possibly a car show.

New Business:

Snow Removal - Wendell will continue to do the snow removal for the town.

TCEC - No one was interested in have a diesel facility within the town. We did have a discussion about trying to get a recycling container for diesel fuel.

U of D - Received some information from them concerning streets, it will be turned over to Wendell.

Talked about a Block Grant and it will be turned over to the planning committee.

Tax Collection - Carl is establishing a better system. We will be drafting a contract with our tax collector as currently there is not one in place. This issue will be tabled until Ron's return as he will be out of town for our November and December meetings. Carl will be doing more research and have more information at a future meeting.

Banking - Carl read a letter about switching the town's accounts to WSFS. This will generate more interest and fewer fees. Resolutions will be made by the bank and the account will need 2 signatures on all checks. The signatures will be Ron and Carl. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Shirley and 2nd by Frenchie to move the accounts to WSFS.

EMT funding - Shirley discussed the situation with EMT staffing at the Fire Company. Asked if the town would be willing to help to fund part time EMTs as needed. This issue will also be tabled until more information is gathered and Ron returns in January.

Flapper Valve - A letter was written to DeIDOT to try to get the valve at no cost to the town.

Beach Replenishment - Update was given by Ron. They will be building an emergency dune at the south end of the beach and then will return during the winter to replenish it.

Town Hall - Ron would like to advertise for contractors to create a design which would be a turn key operation. He would like to see 1200 sq feet to accommodate 49 people and that it have one office, one storage room, and two bathrooms. Propose to get a bond to do this and spread out payments over the years.

The changes that were made on the zoning ordinances required a new map to be drawn up. Ron had the new map for everyone to look at. There was a brief discussion and questions were answered. A motion was then made by Frenchie and 2nd by Carl to accept the new map. It was then signed by council.

Open discussion:

Issuing of permits discussed by Jack Hahn. He says a letter should be given to the homeowner stating if they are conforming or non-conforming. They should have to have this letter to receive their certificate of occupancy. Ron will contact a rep concerning this issue.

Shirley discussed the events taking place at the firehouse during the month. Also let everyone know about Phil Tuthill's services.

Frenchie will bring a drawing of the proposed hall that was done previously to our next meeting. This is so everyone could get an idea of what we are proposing to build and offer comments or suggestions.

Motion was made by Carl, 2nd by Frenchie to adjourn meeting @ 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shirley A. Pennington
Secretary for the
Town of Bowers Beach