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### **MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm, August 18, 2016 by Vice-Mayor Ada Puzzo.

Council members present were: Ada Puzzo, Helena Hannah and Bob McDevitt.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Annual Organization Meeting commenced with the swearing in of the new Town of Bowers Mayor – Ada Puzzo and Vice- Mayor Patty Mabis respectively. The swearing in of Janis LaRochelle as Secretary was tabled until next month’s meeting. A motion was made for nomination of Patty Mabis as Vice-Mayor, seconded and unanimously passed. The nomination for Secretary was tabled for next month’s meeting.

Council went into executive session at 7:06 for the purpose of discussing updates on the potential litigation in which an open meeting would have an adverse effect on the bargaining position of the town. 29 Del. C. sec. 10004(b)(4).

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to come out of executive session at 7:28 p.m.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the previous month’s minutes.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Treasurers Report:**

- This is the first fiscal month of the year. Tax billings have gone out.
- A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the Treasurers report as read.

**Parks & Recreation:**

- The playground mulch was installed
- The weed killer Roundup needs to be purchased for along the entire road Williams Ave. (Extended) to spray the borders of the road to prevent the rope grass from encroaching and damaging the road.
- We are in need of a new doggie bag station for end of Wyatt St.
- In the process of getting quotes for cutting down the large dead tree next to the Bocce Court

**Planning:** Nothing to report

**Streets:** Nothing to report

**Board of Adjustments:** Nothing to report

**Code Enforcement:**

- Nothing to report, however, a question was asked regarding the status of the lot on N. Bayshore. Bob reported that the lot owner has finished the delineation study. About two weeks ago the lot was filled in. All the paperwork is completed. There will be a swale between the properties. Bob has the paperwork for review if needed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Drainage Project Status:**

- Nothing to discuss in public session at this time.

**Property Appraisal - Katherine Reitmeier Property Update:**

- The appraisal has been acquired. Council will look it over. Discussions will be forthcoming regarding the possibility of the Town purchasing the land. If in the future the town is able to purchase a pump, this is the land that was approved to be able to pump the flood water out.

**Beach Replenishment:**

- There is no funding. The Town is trying to get funds.

**Maritime Museum Event (Jeep Beach Bash) Update:**

- Judy reported that the Jeep Beach Bash went well. There was good press coverage. Vice-Mayor Patty commended Judy and Jim on the great job they did putting it all together.

**Phragmites:**

- Bob had a meeting with the Forestry Service and Bowers Fire Company Chief Phil Pennington. There is grant money coming up again in the spring (and cutting). Bob is getting three estimates for spring, 2017. He has two and waiting on the third. Helena asked if we received a quote regarding individual homeowners having the phragmites on their land sprayed by the same company. Wes Allen was the guy that sprayed last year, will break it down to each lot. Spraying should commence in September.

**Town of Bowers “Cleanup Day” Update:**

- The dumpster will be dropped off and picked up on the same day. This is for large items, except for tires, paint. No date yet but a discussion for possibly in conjunction with Coastal Cleanup day which is Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Parking Lot/Climate Control:**

- Ada has not heard anything regarding this. No update but Ada will follow up and give an update next month.

**Neighborhood Crime Watch Meeting Update (Pat Mabis):**

- On July 25, the Delaware Kent County Crime Watch (KCCW) committee came out to Bowers to give a presentation and handouts on how to start a new Crime Watch for the Town. Keeping each other informed and reporting any issues is paramount in keeping crime down in our community. More information will be forthcoming.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janis LaRochelle – Secretary  
Town of Bowers