



The Town of Bowers

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MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m., January 12, 2017 by Mayor, Ada Puzzo.
Council members present: Patty Mabis, Shirley Pennington, and Bob McDevitt

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

A motion was made by Shirley Pennington, seconded by Patty Mabis to add the Arctic Blast to the agenda and move it to the beginning so our guest can speak about the event. Mark Garduno spoke about the happenings for the day. There will be a 5K run at noon as well as the plunge and the event will be held on January 21st. He thanked the fire company for their help as well as the Town. The museum will also have refreshments during the event as well.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Bob McDevitt and seconded by Helena Hannah, to accept the minutes. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer report was given Helena Hannah as well as a budget update. A motion was made by Shirley Pennington, seconded by Patty Mabis, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks & Recreation: No Report

Planning: No Report

Streets: No Report

Board of Adjustments: No Report

Zoning & Code Revisions: No Report

Code Enforcement: No Report

OLD BUSINESS

Drainage – The bid package will be ready for review by February 1st. Patty, Bob, and Patty will be reviewing it. The bid package will go to Department of Agriculture for review as well. Construction is set to be completed by April 1st.

Property Appraisal – Katherine Reitmeier Property - No progress as we are currently focused on the drainage project. It may be a future purchase if it is determined to have value for the town.

Beach Replenishment – There was an article in the paper concerning the Army Corp of Engineers stating that they were going to be using the dredge to replenish all of the beaches. Ron Hunsicker discussed the feasibility study that was done. The residents may have to cover some of the cost to finance the replenishment in the way of taxes. We need to talk to Colon Bonini to see what is going on with this currently. Ron said he would be glad to share the information with anyone who is interested. Whatever they do for Bowers they must also do for all the other Bay Beach Communities.

Storm Damage and the Breach of the Beach - Colon Bonini had said that there may be money available to fix the breach. DNREC should be involved and tell us what they will allow us to do before we get the funding. Our normal contact with DNREC would be Tony Pratt but he has been hard to get up with. Even if and when the breach is fixed there will still be flooding issues.

Phragmites – Bob did not have an update as he is just waiting on the contractor to come in and complete the job.

Crime Watch – There is not enough interest for Bowers to have their own crime watch. All those that are interested are welcome to attend the meetings at the County Building in Dover. The Bowers Neighbor that was going around for residents to join was discussed. It was decided that sometimes we are our own worst enemy by advertising on social media when we will be away from home.

Church Street – Tree – We are going to get estimates for the work that needs to be done. The bank that now owns the property and does not want to do anything about this. Ron discussed that under the Town Charter we would be allowed to put a lien against the property if it is not paid for. You would not get an immediate response but eventually it may be taken care of. The Fire Company will also write a letter supporting the Town in their effort of trying to remove the tree because it is also causing issues for the fire company apparatus. Sullivan's Landscaping has provided an estimate for \$500.00 to remove the tree. Shirley Pennington will handle getting the second estimate.

NEW BUSINESS

Patty Mabis reported that there will be a Spaghetti Dinner from 4 to 6pm on Saturday, February 18th. We will remind everyone at the next meeting.

Hal Snaith asked that when our Town is plowed to ask the person doing it to not plow in the residents driveways.

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley A. Pennington

Secretary