

**The Town of Bowers**3357 Main St.
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**MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:19 pm on December 14 2023 by Wayne Irons Council members present: Bob McDevitt, and Chris Telles. Ada ran zoom from home.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison

MINUTES: A motion was made by Bob McDevitt to accept the November minutes and was second by Bob McDevitt followed by a unanimous vote. Motion carried

TREASURER’S REPORT: Ada Puzzo gave the treasurers report for November. A Motion was made by Bob McDevit to accept the treasurer’s reports for November and Second by Chris Telles followed by a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Ada gave an expense report on the costs of the computer expenses in response to a question asked at November’s meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Parking Lot:** Project to start in January 2024 . A preconstruction meeting T.B.A. with interested the residents project.

**Watermen's Park:** No report.

NORTH BAYSHORE DRAINAIGE: Waiting on letter from the Army Corp of engineers.

Doug Shuck purchased a new pump to drain N.Bayshore. Town to reimburse him.

**Parks & Recreation:** Tink thanked everyone for their support and a condolence for his father’s passing. Tink has Danny Wyatte scheduled to mulch the play areas next spring. Tink will resurface one bocce court next spring.

**Planning/Zoning Code Revisions:** The committee will look into revenue for the town through business licenses. A yearly fee of $150.00 was proposed. A 3% hospitality fee on short term rentals was also proposed. An event fee T.B.D. was proposed. A trash collection fee was also proposed. Committee will submit a written report for council to consider.

**Public Water:**  Joe Colin gave update on the town public town water committee. The survey portion of the study has finished. Joe is working on a format for counting the votes that the state will accept.

ACTION ITEM: The town council voted all in favor (Marty Manning abstained as he was not present) of the public water survey for the town owned properties.

**Code Enforcement:** No Report

**Board of Adjustments:**  No Report

**OLD BUSINESS**

GRANTS AND PROJECTS: Mayor Ada Puzzo gave an overview of grants and projects that are coming up.

The feasibility study done by the students at Delaware University will be funded by a FEMA grant, which includes marsh restoration.

North Bay shore Drainage project funded by a FEMA grant

Parking lot drainage project

Purchase of land from Ray Shores using ARPA funds

Bayshore Grant for a Bathhouse and bike lanes

The town of Bowers is looking for a grants manager if anyone is interceded .

**NEW BUSINESS**

Bob McDevitt will start a beach committee with residents concerned with beach replenishment.

Upcoming Museum Events: no comment

**RESIDENT TOPICS AND CONCERNS**

No comment

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

NO COMMENTS

**NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Bob McDevitt seconded by Chris Telles adjourned at 8:32 pm. Motion Carried.

The next town meeting will be held on January 11 2024 starting at 7:00 pm and will be in person meeting as well as Zoom.

Town Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month unless changed by the Mayor.

Respectfully submitted,

**Chris Telles**

Secretary