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**MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm on February, 8 2024 by mayor Puzzo Council members present: Bob McDevitt, Wayne Irons, Marty Manning and Chris Telles.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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

TREASURER’S REPORT: Marty Manning gave the treasurers report for January. A Motion was made by Wayne Irons to accept the treasure’s report for January and Second by Bob McDevitt, followed by a unanimous vote. Motion carried. Ada noted that the donation to the Bowers Fire Company for their new sign was funded through a state grant.

DISSCUSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Wayne made a motion to approve the action discussed in executive session. Marty seconded the motion, followed by a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Ada asked for the authority to enter into a construction agreement with the Division of Watershed Stewardship and The Town of Bowers to construct a drainage swale to help with the flooding on Main Street. Chris Telles made a motion to give Ada the authority to make the agreement. Marty Manning Second the motion, followed by a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Greg Williams from DENREC gave a presentation on the proper way to recycle.

Kathy Lock, President of the Bay Beach Association (BBA), gave an update on the progress of the Bay Beach Association in the past year and bay beach replentishment. She also asked council to consider an annual donation of $1,000 and a prorated donation for the remainder of this fiscal year to conform with the BBA’s fiscal years. (February 2024 through June 2024)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Parking Lot:** Amanda Delayo from DNREC stated they will start construction within the next seven days

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

NORTH BAYSHORE DRAINAIGE: Sean Devlin stated we heard from Century Engineering concerning the state and federal wetlands permits. The Bayshore Drainage committee would be meeting Wednesday at 2 PM to discuss upcoming necessary action items.

**Parks & Recreation:** No Report

**Planning/Zoning Code Revisions:**  The committee is working on managing the use of the beach and possible rules and regulations. Sean Devlin is working on Airbnb and short-term rental fees such as a licensing fee, safety inspection fee, and hospitality fees based on percentage or a flat fee.

**Public Water:**  Joe Colin has finished his commitment . Sean Devlin will be taking over .The final count for the survey will be finished this Friday.

**Code Enforcement:** No Report

**Board of Adjustments:**  No Report

**OLD BUSINESS**

MUSEUM RENOVATIONS; Wayne is still getting estimates.

PIRATESHIP PLAYHOUSE; Ada and Bob asked Scott Tanner from Kent County if a building permit and flood vents would be necessary.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Upcoming Museum Events : March 23 Lewes Historical Society will be at the museum showing the history of chocolate from 1 PM – 3PM

**RESIDENT TOPICS AND CONCERNS**

No comments

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

No comments

**NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Marty Manning seconded by Wayne Irons adjourned at 8:31 pm. Motion Carried.

The next town meeting will be held on March 14 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