

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm on August 15, 2024, by Mayor Puzzo Council members present: Mayor Ada Puzzo Zoom, Bob McDevitt, Marty Manning and Chris Telles, and Jay Apicelli.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Mayor Ada Puzzo was in attendance for a brief time but excused herself and attended remotely for the remainder of the meeting.

The Swearing in of Council was led by Bob McDevitt. Ada Puzzo was sworn in as Mayor, Chris Telles and Jay Apicelli were sworn in as Council Members.

Mayor Puzzo made a motion for council to select Chris Telles as Vice Mayor, Jay Apicelli as Secretary, Marty Manning at Treasurer and Bob McDevitt as Zoning Compliance Officer. Marty Manning seconded the motion and the motioned passed unanimously.

**Minutes:**

Mayor Puzzo made a motion to approve the June and July minutes. Marty Manning seconded the motion and the motioned passed unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer, Marty Manning began going over the profit and Loss statements for June. His presentation was called into recess at 7:24 PM. A brief discussion ensued. The meeting was called back into session at 7:25 PM and it was decided to table the budget presentation. Motion to table, made by Ada, seconded by Chris. Passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Parking Lot:** No report

**Watermen's Park:** No report

**Parks & Recreation:** No report

**Planning/Zoning Code Revisions:**  No report

**Public Water:**  Application has been submitted for the feasibility study. There was a discussion about the required matching funds being covered by town funds.

**Code Enforcement:** Bob presented the sale of two (2) undeveloped lots on North Bayshore Ave. and North Flack the lots are 50x200. The owner is asking to subdivide the lots, known as partition. The lots will be four (4) lots of 50 x 100. The subdivision is within the Town zoning and subdivision ordinances, so the Town has no reason and cannot deny the request.

**Board of Adjustments:**  No Report

**OLD BUSINESS**

MUSEUM RENOVATIONS: Sheetrocking will begin the first week of September and be completed by September 18. The work will be done in time for Heritage Day, October 13.

N.BAYSHORE DRAINAGE: The USACE permit has expired due to inactivity and a new permit will have to be applied for.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Upcoming Museum Events: Heritage Day October 13, Judy Martin stated there will be Indian dancers, a 5K road race, and vendors. All sponsors are to contact Judy.

Taxes: Kent County completed its revaluation of Bowers Beach; Ada reported some residents will see an increase in taxes while others see a decrease. She stated generally taxes will go up for older homes, while taxes for newer home will be the same or lower.

Vice Mayor Chris Telles read the “Ordinance #001-25 Fixing a New Revenue Neutral Tax Rate. Based on the reassessed values. Ada made a motion to approve the ordinance, Chris seconded the motion. The ordinance was voted on and approved unanimously.

**RESIDENT TOPICS:** Jay Baker the Treasurer of the First Beach Music & Art committee reported, Friday August 16th is the last show of the 3rd season of music in the park. He thanked the Town for their continued support, and Judy Martin for writing the yearly grants.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Bob made a motion to recess the meeting, seconded by Chris. The meeting was put in recess at 8:01 PM. It was agreed to continue on August 22, 2024 at 7 PM for discussion and presentation of the town budget and financial reports.

**NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT**

The August town meeting will be continued on August 22, 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,

**Jay Apicelli**

Secretary