



The Town of Bowers

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MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm on May 14, 2026, by Mayor Puzzo. Council members present: Ada Puzzo, Shirley Pennington, Chris Telles, Bob McDevitt and Jay Apicelli

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Minutes: Tabled

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Bob to accept April 2026 Treasurer Report, seconded by Chris. All in favor.

Grants and Projects

North Bayshore Drainage: Ada reported the engineer working on the project has retired. Chris and Ada will be meeting with the engineering firm tomorrow to discuss next steps.

UD Flood Risk Reduction Feasibility Study and Preliminary Engineering Report: Ada reported the project is progressing and going well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Recreation: Chris reported 2560lbs of debris was removed from the Church Street Park. THANK YOU to all the volunteers who cleaned the park. Chris mentioned in particular Jason Hopkins who power washed all the playground equipment. The museum bathroom is working. The bathroom will be open for town events and while the museum is open.

Town Events: Mark Puzzo stated the first show of the season is tomorrow in Waterman's Park.

Planning Committee: No report

Code Enforcement.: Ordinance No. 02-021 Use of Recreational Vehicles and Trailers. Town Council is working on this ordinance

Public Water: No report

Code Enforcement: No report

Board of Adjustments: No Report

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

2026 Elections- Jay reported there are 3 (three) positions open, 2 council seats and 1 for Mayor. Jay has received two letters of intent for the mayor's position. Interested candidates must send a letter of intent to the Town Secretary (Jay) by June 26 before 5PM. Candidates must also register on line with the State Board of Elections. There is a certification of intent icon on the website. It is a 3-step process. The information is auto filled. Print the document, sign and return to state board of Elections. Voting will take place at the Fire House on August 1, 2026 between 2PM and 7PM. Residents wishing to volunteer for election day should contact Shirley Pennington.

Security Cameras-Ada reported the cameras have been discussed in the minutes 10xs between 2019 and 2022. Also, between 2022 and 20226 the cameras have been discussed in the minutes 23xs. The new camera at the museum reads license plates. It does not measure speed and has no facial recognition. Information from the cameras(s) goes to a video server and can only be accessed by the Town Council. Record is kept for 60 days. Residents' concerns discussed.

Resident Topics

Council Comments:

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm by motion made by Shirley and seconded by Bob. All in favor
The next town meeting will be held on June 11, 2026 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