



The Town of Bowers

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MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm on June 11, 2025 by Mayor Puzzo Council members present: Chris Telles, Shirley Pennington, Bob DeVitt, and Jay Apicelli

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Minutes: Motion to accept April and May 2026 Minutes by Bob. Second by Shirley. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept May 2026 Treasurers report by Chris. Seconded by Jay. All in favor.

Resolution Adopting the Preliminary Budgets for Fiscal Year 2027.

Resolution read by Jay.

Motion to accept by Bob and Seconded by Chris. All signed resolution.

GRANTS and PROJECTS

North Bayshore Drainage: Chris and Ada reported the RFP will be posted tomorrow (June 12, 2026). Work on project needs to be completed by August 1, 2026. Starting work is contingent on permit from DNREC. Materials such as check valves and pump are available. Chris stated that he has allocated money for paving in the budget.

UD Flood Risk Reduction Feasibility Study and Preliminary Engineering Report: The project is in three areas (3) Beach replacement, marsh restoration, and Hubbard Ave seawall and flooding. Ada reported the project is going well and a presentation of findings should be in August 2026.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Recreation: Chris stated the Town Cleanup date has been moved to Sunday June, 14 due the Ryan L 5K Road Race and the Maritime Museum 50th Anniversary on Saturday. Bags and gloves will be available for volunteers and volunteers will meet in Waterman's Park on Sunday at 9AM.

Town Events: No Report

Planning Committee: The welcome to Bowers Beach trifold flyer has been edited and is returning to Planning Committee to be put into a PDF format. Once approved it will be ready for printing.

Public Water: Jay reported he has been in touch with Bianna Kresse Administrator of Public Health Treatment Program inquiring about the Water Infrastructure Advisory Council. He also contacted Jason

Wagner of Artesian Well. Jay will be asking the Rural Community Cohort for assistance with the process.

Code Enforcement: No Report

Board of Adjustments: Bob reported on the request to join the two lots of North Flack and Main Street. A public hearing will be at the next July town meeting.

Museum: Judy reported that there will be a 50th Anniversary Celebration at the Maritime Museum on Saturday June 13. Free hot dogs, beverages and bocce. All are welcome.
Jay reported on the heritage signage project. He presented the design of the heritage walk signs made by Tony Albano. Tony is currently working the wooden maps signs for the heritage walk and the town. The map has been sent to Mary Roth of Delaware Bayshore Byway.

OLD BUSINESS

RV Ordinance- No report
Election

Jay presented the Solicitation of Candidates flyer. The flyer has been sent to Kent County Election Board. It will be posted on the Town website and in public places throughout town. Discussion of voter registration and absentee ballots. Shirley stated that anyone requesting an absentee ballot should see her. The resident's ballot will be sealed and held by Shirley until election day. Residents can register to vote the day of the election. Identification and proof of residency or proof of owning property in town is required. If your identification doesn't have a Bowers address you must present documentation of your residency; phone bill, tax bill, electric bill etc. Shirley is available at the Fire Station on Sundays at 1PM.

NEW BUSINESS

Resident Topics

Council Comments:

Ada reported that as part of the "Big Sand Project" beach replenishment. DNREC will be sending letters to affected property owners on the beach requesting an easement on their properties. No letters have been received as of yet.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next town meeting will be held on July 9, 2026 starting at 7:00 pm and will be in person meeting as well as Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM Motion by Bob seconded by Shirley.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Apicelli
Secretary