

TOWN OF FREDERICA MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2015

CALL TO ORDER; Mayor Glanden Called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;

ROLL CALL;

Mayor Chick Glanden: Present

Town Attorney: William Pepper, Present

Councilpersons: Trish Bliler: Present

Virginia Simpler: Present      Pete Rager: Present

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING MINUTES;

Councilperson Pete Rager made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 3, 2014 and December 16, 2014 meeting minutes. Councilperson Trish Bliler 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Council all agreed.

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Dustan Russum explained the water report sent to the Office of Drinking Water and DNREC for 2014. All council members received a copy of the report. Questions were answered concerning the numbers and differences on the report.

Dustan then reported on the progress of the Comp. Plan reports. Dustan reported that there will be a meeting on January 13, 2015 at 10:00 am with various representatives concerning the Backup Generator grant that we applied for and requested that our Police Officer Keith Darling; IT Ray Murray and Betty Martin; plus a representative from the Fire Department also attend this meeting to go over the assessments for our Town. This will help with any future funding requests that may be made for the Town for the Police Department, Fire Department or Town Hall. We would be only the 2<sup>nd</sup> Town to use their software.

The next item that he reported on was the Water Tasting in D.C. The Town can send just a water sample if no one is able to attend the conference. He also requested time to attend the Water Conference held by DE Rural Water in February.

The upgrade on the wells went smoothly and there is a signal going between the two wells. He also reported that the salt spreader is working.

Dustan explained that the difference in the water pump reading was due to getting the leaks in the town fixed.

The Council members thanked Dustan for his report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

All Council members received a written copy of December Police Report from Sgt. Darling. Councilperson Virginia Simpler made a motion to accept the report. Councilperson Trish Bliler 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Council all agreed.

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CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

All Council members received a written copy of the December Code Enforcement Report from Randy Speicher. Councilperson Pete Rager made a motion to accept the report. Councilperson Virginia Simpler 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Council all agreed.

BUILDING PERMITS:

Planning Commissioner Mandy Slody presented a permit request to the council from Layton Builders for a building permit for a house for Lot 130, Waters Edge. Councilperson Pete Rager made the motion to accept the permit. Councilperson Virginia Simpler 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Council all agreed.

The Commissioner then presented a demolition permit request from Brown & Brown to demolish the trailer next to the garage on Frederica Rd. The Mayor stated that in the event there were any problems Brown & Brown would be responsible. Councilperson Trish Bliler made a motion to accept the permit. Councilperson Pete Rager 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Council all agreed.

The next item concerned a question about the U-Haul business at Frederica Auto Repair. Mr. Wolfe stated that there would only be 3 trucks and 3-4 trailers on site and the vehicles would be parked towards the back tree line. Per Attorney Pepper it would be an ancillary use and an additional business license would not be needed. Commissioner Slody also stated that the issue with the sign was being taken care of and would be resolved.

Commissioner Slody reported that the Comprehensive Plan is ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS:

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS CONTEST:

Mayor Glanden reported the winners of the contest: 1<sup>st</sup> place: Samuel Martz III at 118 Front St.; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: David Jones of 33 David St.; and 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Telford Rager, 129 Front St. He also stated that Mr. Buckson was very impressed with the display of the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner.

Pete Rager reported that Spence's Tree farm was willing to donate a large cut tree each year to the Town. We should start in October to work on this project. We need to pick up the tree from Spence's and also get lights, etc. for the tree. Discussion then followed as to where to place the tree. Further discussion will be held in October 2015. Suggestion was made that we get a tree to plant every year somewhere in Town.

VERIZON LEASE AGREEMENT:

Mayor Glanden reported that Verizon Lease agreement has been signed and mailed and we are waiting for the final signed copy from Verizon.

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TOWN COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

Mayor Glanden reminded everyone of the upcoming March election. Town Hall will be open until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> to allow candidates to file. Final filing date for candidates is Friday, January 30, 2015.

2<sup>nd</sup> READING CODE ENFORCEMENT CHANGES:

Mayor Glanden read synopsis of Ordinance 14-03: Relating to unregistered and/or inoperable vehicles, motor vehicles, trailers, recreational vehicles and boats. Councilperson Trish Bliler made a motion to adopt Ordinance 14-03. Councilperson Pete Rager 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Council all approved.

Mayor Glanden read synopsis of Ordinance 14:04: Relating to denials of permits and approvals. Councilperson Trish Bliler made a motion to adopt Ordinance 14-04. Councilperson Pete Rager 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Council all approved.

Attorney Pepper made note that a public hearing was held on January 7, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Glanden stated the ordinances would be instituted 30 days after the approval of the Council.

Mayor Glanden reminded everyone that if there was something they would like to include in the Agenda, it must be presented 7 days prior to the posting of the Agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

FAMILY DOLLAR STORE:

Mayor Glanden stated that Family Dollar would no longer be on the Agenda. He has received good reports from everyone and that everyone seems to like having the store in Town. The employees are friendly and helpful.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

Commissioner Slody reported that the plan is being worked on and being updated. We are waiting for confirmation from DelDot as we are agreeable to meet with them concerning some of the issues of the Town especially North & South Market Streets. This meeting will be to update us of things going on around town. There should be no preconceived notions concerning some of the issues.

Councilperson Pete Rager advised that Barretts Chapel Road is being widened and the bridge replaced and to let everyone know about the detours during construction. There is talk that several roundabouts may be added.

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:

It was suggested that a liaison from Habitat attend the next meeting to update us on their future projects for the Town.

Attorney Pepper stated that he needed bidding instructions for the Lewis property which is going for sale on January 27, 2015.

OPEN FLOOR:

Resident Christine Pleasanton reported that there was a problem with dogs running loose from Coleman to Hoey. The dogs are a Doberman and a Mastiff and she is no longer able to walk down the road without being attacked by the dogs. She has called the SPCA several times and there is nothing that they can do about the situation. Mayor Glanden stated that he would let the Code Enforcement officer know about the problem and see what could be done.

Resident Pleasanton also stated that there was trash in front of several houses that needed to be cleaned up to make the Town look nicer.

Resident Paitsel then questioned the legality of the new Ordinances that were just passed. Discussion then started on the qualifications for the unregistered vehicle ordinance.

Elmer Brown then expressed a problem concerning the Town Clerk's contacting the Council members and/or Mayor regarding the process for handling the FOIA.

A question was asked about natural gas coming to town.

Terrenna Brown then asked about the cutoff valve for the property located at 7 Market St., the old insurance building. Dustan is to check into the situation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilperson Virginia Simpler made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Councilperson Trish Bliler 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The council all agreed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.