

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Glanden called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember Simpler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor: Chick Glanden - present

Council Members: Ricky Maddox - present

Poncho Davila - present

Virginia Simpler - present

Town Solicitor: William Pepper - present

**READING AND APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING MINUTES:**

Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember Simpler to accept the minutes of the regular meeting for February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018, with a date correction from 2017 to 2018. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**WATER DEPT./ CODE ENFORCEMENT/ TREASURER'S / POLICE REPORT:**

**Police:** Councilmember Maddox Made a motion with a second by Councilmember Simpler to accept the Police Report. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Code Enforcement:** No Code Report. Councilmember Davila made a motion with a second by Councilmember Maddox to table to Code Enforcement report due to the lack of Code Enforcement Officer. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Water Department:** Dustan reported that due to the blown transformer which caused a town wide power outage, the starter at the well house was affected,

which Barnes Electric came in and repaired. As the days have been warmer, they have been manually flushing hydrants. He and Him attended the Delaware Rural Water Conference in the end of February in Harrington. The door on the building that stores the trash cans has been repaired so that more items can be stored. Dustan was voted in on the Board of Directors with Delaware Rural Water Association, and he got to travel to Washington D.C. to meet Senators Carper, Coons, and Blunt-Rochester representing small towns.

Council congratulated Dustan on his appointment.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:**

Mandy Slody stated that two of the three permits presented to Planning and Zoning were not ready as they both need more information.

- 133 Front Street, Dawn Fridas - Permit for Pool.

Councilmember Davila made a motion and was seconded by Councilmember Maddox to approve the permit. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Glanden reminded everyone that in order to get items on the agenda, they need to be brought to attention at least seven days prior to the scheduled meeting date.

**Police Officer:** Tabled until next meeting. Councilmember Simpler made a motion and was seconded by Councilmember Maddox to table the topic. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Town Election:** Mayor Glanden stated that the Town Election is over, and he retained his position as well as Councilmember Simpler. Congratulations were offered.

**Appointing Council Member:** Mayor Glanden would like to appoint Tiffany McPhatter to the vacant seat on Council. He read the details of her letter of intent to the Council. Councilmember Maddox made a motion to appoint Tiffany McPhatter to Council. He gave reasons to support her based on his experience working with her on Crime Watch, and that she represents Water's Edge. Councilmember Davila stated he would not second. Mayor Glanden tried to second, Mr. Pepper stated that he could not second a motion

as Mayor. Councilmember Maddox asked Councilmembers Simpler and Davila to explain why they would not support Mrs. McPhatter to Council. After discussion, Councilmembers Davila and Simpler asked to repost the request for letters of intent to allow resident's more time after the election has been over to place their letters now that they know the results. Mayor Glanden stated that this is the last extension and will keep the letter for the next meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**DNREC Brownfield's Program:** Dustan stated that we are still waiting for verification that the public comment period is over, and once that is verified we can move to settlement. Survey of the site is completed and will be available within one week. Bethany spoke with Mrs. Crouse for a required questionnaire for the site. Everything is still in motion and moving forward. Councilmember Maddox asked about tanks at the site, and Dustan stated that the testing for tanks is a later step. We are now waiting on DNREC for the next steps, and it is moving quicker than anticipated.

**Sidewalk Improvement:** Councilmember Maddox stated that he spoke with Ann Gravitt from the TAPP program, and that they are waiting on the sustainability grant, which is waiting for the state's purchase order to move forward. Gravitt wants to make sure she is included in the meetings when that happens. She informed Councilmember Maddox that they are looking at funding for sidewalks in 2019 with no time limit, and the budget should include 30 to \$35,000 (our required 20%). It was also mentioned that the development of Sophia's Landing may change the priorities of the program from the initial application, which Council is not opposed to. Discussion then led to the budget and adjusting for required amounts, with mention that it may help to bring in the Fire Company to keep costs on the cleanup of the Crouse properties at a minimum to allow funds for the TAPP program. Mayor Glanden confirmed that the items will be in the budget.

### **OPEN FLOOR:**

Phil Green of Planning and Zoning spoke to let the Town know that there was an alarm at his house last Thursday, and Officer O'Hern responded

very quickly, and he wanted to thank the town for having a police department now.

Trish Bliler spoke in favor of Mrs. McPhatter. She asked Council why they are not interested in Mrs. McPhatter with her being the only letter of intent after a month's time. She stated that she is well educated and has known her for many years and does not understand why Council would not appoint her. Councilmember Davila stated that it isn't an outright refusal, he believes everyone waits for the election results before deciding to run for Council. Councilmember Simpler stated that she feels the same, and it is not a personal issue, she has been asking for extension of appointment for the last two meetings. Animated discussion went back and forth for several minutes. Mrs. Bliler asked if Council was in belief that they were holding the seat open for a former Council Member, and that the seat does not automatically revert to him. Mayor Glanden stated that Council has never waited this long to place a person on Council. Mrs. Bliler reaffirmed her support of Mrs. McPhatter.

Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember Simpler to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Glanden closed the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany DeBussy

Town Clerk