

**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: Virginia Simpler - present

Ricky Maddox - present

Poncho Davila - present

Tiffany McPhatter - 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 May 16, 2018 as submitted. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

**Water Department:** Dustan reported that we had to do some flushing to clear up some reported rust colored water that resulted from testing at the Fire House. There was a minor issue at the well house that resulted from a loose lug, it was been tightened and the equipment is operational. The 2017 CCR is complete and has been posted on the website and will be on the utility bills. The state has approved. There have been grass cuttings are several properties for code violations. The clean up of 1289 & 1313 Frederica Road is underway, vehicles have been sent to sale, being sold as is to help recoup cost of clean up. Auctioneer is coming back to get more items to sell. Tires are a problem, looking into recycling or other routes, as dumping is very expensive. Cannot get through to the prison facility to get workers to help clean up the property, they won't return calls. Pennoni is scheduled to arrive tomorrow to map out the property and start the sampling process now that a lot of the vehicles and debris have been cleared away. The new truck for the Public Works Department is waiting for paperwork to process.

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

Sgt. Darling reported that complaints are down. There is some minor criminal mischief involving spray painting, but identities are currently unknown. The dirt bike has not made

any more appearances since he spoke with the driver and informed them that it would be confiscated if seen again.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:**

Mandy Slody presented permit applications as follows:

- 135 Channel Crossing, Carter – Permit for solar panels.

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

- 173 Waterway Drive, Cole - Permit for fence.

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

- 224 Hightide Drive, Ruijne – Permit for deck.

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

- 20 Riptide Court, Willey – Permit for fence.

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

Sophia's Landing – Bohler is still working on the 200 + comments, no date set for the next meeting yet. Bethany reported that Pennoni is meeting tomorrow at 10:00 AM with Bohler and the owner to go over the comments and try to move forward with the Preliminary Plan.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Holiday Pay for Employees:** Discussion about options to provide Holiday pay for employees for (8) Hours on (5) major holidays. Council members suggested probation period of 6 months or 1 year before receiving this benefit. Council split half and half, Mayor served as tire breaker for 6 months.

Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember McPhatter to approve 8 Hours holiday pay for employees for 5 Major holidays after a 6-month probation period. Motion passed by three to one voice vote.

**Committee for Updating Employee Handbook:** Mayor Glanden appointed Councilmember Davila and Councilmember McPhatter to a committee to update the employee handbook.

**Proposed Parking Regulations on Jackson Street, Purnell Avenue, Hillside Avenue, Fourth Street, Fifth Street, and Thomas Street:**

Councilmember Simpler reported that she went door to door to all streets to ask about their concerns regarding limiting parking to one side only. General consensus is positive for the regulations. They also have a major concern about having another exit from the section as it is a dead end. Councilmember Maddox made a motion and was seconded by Councilmember Simpler to hold a public hearing at 6:30 PM on June 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss concerns with residents. Motion pass by unanimous voice vote.

**Hiring Code Enforcement Officer:** Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember McPhatter to hire Dennis Russum for Code Enforcement Officer per the recommendation of the hiring committee. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Mr. Russum will be sworn in at the next meeting.

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.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**DNREC Brownfield's Program:** Brownfield's Program discussed under Water Report. Councilmember Maddox made a motion and was seconded by Councilmember Davila to table the DNREC Brownfield's Program. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Sidewalk Improvement:** Councilmember Maddox made a motion and was seconded by Councilmember Davila to table Sidewalk Improvement. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**OPEN FLOOR:**

Ted Layton clarified an earlier question about Water's Edge Fence restrictions that 6-foot fences are allowed. He thanked the Town for the partnership/relationship that has existed over the past several years. Expressed concern with Council Members and residents of Water's Edge discussing HOA at Town meetings, and requested discussions cease and be referred back to the HOA. He provided a copy of the letters stating the same that was issued to residents by hand delivery to all mailboxes. (Attached). He stated that a Board of Director's has been nominated. Mr. Layton questioned Councilmember McPhatter's residence within the Town limits. She confirmed her residence address as being located on Waterway drive, as well as another home that she owns but does not reside in on Channel Crossing. Mr. Layton expressed concerns about Councilmember McPhatter making false claims about his business and himself during meetings and asked for her resignation in order to prevent seeking legal action. Mayor Glanden confirmed that it was stated at previous meetings that resident's must go to the HOA with their concerns, and that he can not force a council member to resign.

Councilmember McPhatter and Mr. Layton discussed the conversation from a prior meeting revolving around the claim that a home was being built without a permit, and Dustan going out to the property during the meeting to confirm or deny the claim. Mr. Layton stated that if there is a question about a building permit then it should be directed to him. Councilmember McPhatter stated that she could not remember the exact conversation at this time. Mr. Layton asked if there are audio files for the meetings, and Bethany confirmed that audio files and minutes are available for every meeting. Councilmember McPhatter stated that there are other issues he has not resolved, including tall grass and cracks in her basement. Mr. Layton stated that he is not the developer, he is the builder, and as previously stated he is not here to discuss HOA matters at the council meeting. Discussion was ended.

Councilmember Maddox made a motion and was seconded by Councilmember Davila to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Glanden closed the meeting at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany DeBussy

Town Clerk