

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 – absent

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING MINUTES:

Councilmember Simpler made a motion with a second by Councilmember Maddox to accept the minutes of the public hearing on September 5, 2018 as submitted. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Councilmember Simpler made a motion with a second by Councilmember Maddox to accept the minutes of the regular meeting minutes on September 5, 2018 as submitted. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

WATER DEPT. / TREASURER’S / POLICE / CODE ENF. REPORT:

Water Department: Dustan reported there was a lightning strike in the storm this past month that wiped out the electronics in Well 3. Repairs are underway. In the meantime, Well 4 will handle the demand. He discussed a communication system that would notify cell phones about problems with the well systems in faster and better detail than the way problems are discovered now. Approximate cost is \$1,500. Councilmember Maddox suggested putting the item on the agenda for the next meeting after obtaining a quoted price. Dustan stated they also spent time cutting and trimming trees around town and near the Senior Center. There is also a set of new flags on the proposed park site on Frederica road, and there will be a light installed to shine on them. The millings that were hauled in came from A-DEL as a trade for water for the construction on Route 1.

Code Enforcement: Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember Maddox to accept code enforcement report as submitted for September. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer Report: Councilmember Virginia Simpler presented the Treasurer’s Report as follows:

<u>August 2018</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General Fund	\$ 116,811.16	\$ 95,628.31
Special Water	\$ 72,879.07	\$ 71,209.25

Police Dept.	\$ 87,474.83	\$ 142,365.96
Street Aid	\$ 73.32	\$ 16,634.69

Delinquent Monies owed:

Trash:	\$ 11,527.34
Water:	\$ 20,737.51
Property Taxes:	\$ 1,589.09
Fines:	\$ 1,316.55
Vacant Building:	\$ 7,008.35
Grass Cutting:	\$ 1,500.00
Property Maint.:	\$ 388.39
Rental License:	\$ 1,950.00
Other Fees:	\$ 2,080.50
Court Costs:	\$ 416.55

Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember Davila to accept the report. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

Mandy Slody presented permit applications as follows:

- Lot 89, Water's Edge, Layton - Permit for a duplex.

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

- Lot 80, Water's Edge, Layton - Permit for a duplex.

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

- Lot 79, Water's Edge, Layton - Permit for a duplex.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Louisa Phillips: Louisa introduced herself and stated that she is running for the seat currently held by Colin Bonini. She worked for 46 years at Kent General Hospital and has now retired and has taken the opportunity to run for office. Her focus is on infrastructure issues in the local areas as well as healthcare programs for seniors, and guiding applicants to available jobs. She presented the goals of her platform and asked for input on things she could help with. Councilmember Maddox and Mayor Glanden expressed their frustrations with seeking financial help for some of our older water lines that need to be corrected and properly abandoned. Louisa Phillips explained she would be around again for the dedication at the Senior Center.

OLD BUSINESS:

Committee for Updating the Employee Handbook: Mayor Glanden stated the he did not have a chance to talk to Mr. Pepper about the Handbook. Councilmember Simpler made a motion to table to handbook until the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Maddox. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

DNREC Brownfield's Program: Dustan states DNREC received Pennoni's sampling report but wants to sample deeper. Work on that is continuing. Dustan clarified that the Sustainability Grant is separate from the Brownfield's program, but efforts are continuing there as well. Dan from Pennoni is selecting a few available dates and we are contacting department heads to agree on a first date. Mayor Glanden asked about grant work for a chain link fence with privacy screening around the property. Dustan stated that during the clean up process, resident's in the area expressed interest in trees. Council loosely discussed what would work to create a walking path and measures to try to take to prevent problems in the area. Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember McPhatter to table the Brownfield Program. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Sidewalk Improvement. Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember McPhatter to table the Brownfield Program. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

OPEN FLOOR:

Mandy and Dustan reminded everyone that Frederica Day is Saturday, September 29th from 9:00 to 2:00. Parade is at 11:00, Line-up is at 10:15. There is one final meeting on Friday the 28th.

Mandy stated that she was concerned with members of Water's Edge getting the information for Frederica Day as Milford School District was not included in marketing campaigns. Councilmember McPhatter stated the information board that was promised in Water's Edge was never installed. Council discussed making sure notices were posted everywhere possible throughout Town. Councilmember McPhatter offered to put a notice on the Water's Edge Facebook page.

A resident from Thomas street asked how to get his shed permit approved. His property is located in the circle of the source water protection. Dustan explained that the source water protection ordinance is designed to leave the excellent recharge area open for the water source. If structures are constantly built in that 300-foot radius, it leaves out the ability for the water source to recharge. Structures existing before the ordinance was adopted can be replaced id they are damaged, but no additional structures are permitted. The resident said that he was willing to wait to hear if anything could be figured out in the future.

Councilmember Maddox and Councilmember Simpler stated that they are meeting Sunday to update a couple of codes that need to be updated. They also discussed looking into violations and enforcement for blowing grass into the street.

Discussion led back to the shed and the source water protection ordinance. The resident asked if by not anchoring the shed, then would the structure be considered permanent. Councilmember McPhatter asked about the language that defined a permanent structure. Mandy made copies of the ordinance for the resident. Councilmember Maddox stated that he would be willing to discuss the issue further if anyone could come up with a solution to the problem.

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

Mayor Glanden closed the meeting at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany DeBussy

Town Clerk