

WEDNESDAY JULY 3, 2023

TOWN OF FREDERICA

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Secretary Rager led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: Mayor Glanden asked Secretary Rager for a roll call

Mayor:	William "Chick" Glanden	Present
Secretary:	Pete Rager	Present
Councilmembers:	Ricky Maddox	Absent
	Bret Carpenter	Present
	Virginia Simpler	Present
Town Solicitor:	Dianna Stuart	Present

READING AND APPROVING OF THE LAST MEETING MINUTES:

Councilmember Simpler made a motion with a second by Councilmember Carpenter to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on June 19, 2024, motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

WATER REPORT/ TREASURER'S REPORT/ CODE ENFORCEMENT/ POLICE REPORT

WATER REPORT/CODE ENFORCEMENT/POLICE:

WATER REPORT: Dustan stated the meter reader was not working and the bills would not reflect the actual usage of the residents but would be corrected on the next bill. He also advised the bills would have a note of explanation. The new water tower location was being surveyed so it is still moving forward. Miller has completed all the water testing. He is working with DNREC to obtain a grant to replace all the windows in the Town Hall because they are leaking and may also be the cause of the electrical interruptions. He has been attending training and is ready to send Jim Morris for more. The oil spill on Front Street has been cleaned up.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: no report

Councilmember Rager made a motion with a second by Councilmember Carpenter to accept the Water and Code report as presented, motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Devlin reported he is working on policy updates and accreditation.

Councilmember Rager made a motion with a second by Councilmember Carpenter to accept the Police report as presented, motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

Marie Shaw informed the council the Planning and Zoning Committee rejected a permit request for 102 Thomas – Domercant Investments LLC due to the application being incomplete and per advice from the county engineer Dan Barbado. She also stated the Board of Adjustment meet on June 28 to hear the request from Ryan Homes for a large sign, more signs and more flags. The application was approved and advised the BOA decision was final.

Councilmember Rager made a motion with a second by Councilmember Carpenter to accept the Planning and Zoning report as presented, motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board of Adjustment Appointment – Councilmember Simpler made a motion with a second by Councilmember Carpenter to appoint Dianne M Rager to the Board of Adjustment, motion passed by unanimous voice vote with Councilmember Rager abstaining. Mayor Glandon swore in the newest member of BOA.

ORDINANCE 24-03 AMENDING ARTILE 3 SECTION 3-2 OF THE LDO relating to BOA

Councilmember Rager read the synopsis for ordinance 24-03

Councilmember Rager made a motion with a second by Councilmember Simpler to approve Ordinance 24-03 Amending Article 3, Section # of the LDO relating to the BOA, motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ORDINANCE 24-R-02 – RELEVY

Councilmember Rager made a motion with a second by Councilmember Simpler to approve Ordinance 24-R-02 Relevy, motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

OPEN FLOOR: Chris Hulse of 127 Jackson St expressed his concerns for the proposed duplex to be placed at 102 Thomas, Marie from Planning and Zoning explained that the application was rejected at this time due to missing and incomplete information, but he was welcome to come to the Planning and Zoning meeting once it was on their agenda.

Rev Rita Paige presented to the council a plan for the AME Church to join forces with Premier Charities to help feed the homeless in the area. She stated she has been in contact with the Lake Forest East, and they have agreed to allow them to use the cafeteria/kitchen area one Sunday a month to accomplish this goal and she was asking for support from the council and community. She also shared that one of her church members Charles Harris would be turning 100 and invited everyone to a celebration to be held on August 16 at 3:00 at the AME Church.

TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilmember Simpler wished everyone a safe and happy 4th of July. Mayor Glanden restated there were vacancies on both Planning and Zoning and Board of Adjustment. Councilmember Rager stated that since the entire staff was already present at all the meetings now it would be possible to have one of them do the minutes so he can pay attention to the meeting instead of writing down what just happened. after the meeting and then send them to him for corrections and edits. Dianna Stuart stated there was nothing in the charter to prohibit this change and other municipalities due this. Councilmember Rager also stated that other municipalities have a Vice Mayor as opposed to Secretary to stand in for the Mayor if he/she would become unable to perform the duties for a short period of time. Mayor Glanden stated the change in staff doing the minutes would be made on a trial basis and the change to Vice Mayor would be a charter change and would be looked at along with other changes to the charter.

With no further business, Councilmember Rager made a motion with a second by Councilmember Carpenter to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:59

Respectfully submitted

Pete Rager
Secretary