## WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7th, 2024

## 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 for a roll call

Mayor William "Chick" Glanden Present

Secretary: Pete Rager Present

Councilmembers: Ricky Maddox Present

Bret Carpenter Present

Virginia Simpler Absent

Town Solicitor: Dianna Stuart Present

## READING AND APPROVING OF THE LAST MEETING MINUTES:

Councilmember Maddox a made motion with a second by Councilmember Carpenter to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on July 17th, 2024, motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember Carpenter to accept the minutes from The Public Hearing on July 17th, motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

WATER REPORT: Dustan reported that the carrier pipe for the Rte. 1 crossing is delivered and at KC Wastewater Plant, scheduled for mid-October. The Jackson St water main project is on hold because we had to ask State for an additional 200K due to additional costs from low bidder backing out. Still working with the State on the Market St project. He also reported that they had applied for funding for Market St to Frederica Rd water service projects. Kamstrup has parts ordered for meter reading issues and meeting with Century Engineering on the proposed water tower property on Monday.

Dustan also reported that they are working on grass violations and posted a stop work notice on 7 Market St due to unpermitted destruction of the front of building creating an unsafe condition and that Frederica Day will be held on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Maddox a made motion with a second by Councilmember Carpenter to accept the Water/Code report, motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Devlin stated he had sent the Lidar unit off for repairs.

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

PLANNING AND ZONING: Marie Shaw reported that they tabled 10 Coleman St and had questions about minimum square footage for 26 Front St.

NEW BUSINESS: Billing Agency Discussion:

Alice Green reported that they were having serious problems working with Gov Collect being sold and dealing with the transitions to the new agencies. She said that she had been working with other municipalities dealing with the same billing issues and had contacted Edmunds and obtained pricing to go with Edmunds if the Council decided to change billing companies. Edmunds would be \$23,650 for the first year to transfer accounts, training and getting us up and running then \$6400.00 a year after that. Additional pricing using an Ala carte menu if growth warranted it. After a question-and-answer period Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember Rager to approve going with Edmunds for our billing company. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Councilmember Rager thanked Alice Green for providing detailed information on the billing matter and with her request to consider changing companies.

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE** 

**OPEN FLOOR:** 

TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mayor Glanden reported that Councilmember Rager had lost his mother, and they all extended their condolences. Councilmember Rager thanked Mayor Glanden for attending the services and thanked all for the fruit baskets and flowers.

With no further business, Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember Carpenter to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:43

Respectfully submitted

Pete Rager Secretary