

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15, 2025

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	Present
	Bret Carpenter	Present
	Virginia Simpler	Absent
Town Solicitor:	Dianna Stuart	Present

READING AND APPROVING OF THE LAST MEETING MINUTES:

Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember Carpenter to approve the minutes from Jan. 7th, meeting, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

WATER REPORT: Dustan Russum reported that he is still waiting for the Cabinet Secretary to sign off on the water tower property.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: A packet from Teal Construction was given to Dianna to review. The snow removal so far has used 2 ½ tons of salt, the spreader on Jim Morris' truck is broken but will get fixed at a cost of approximately \$2,000.00. Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember Carpenter to replace the salt spreader, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

POLICE REPORT: Mayor Glanden announces the Chief of Police resigned effective 12/31/2024. Felton PD will take care of securing the office. Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember Carpenter to accept the resignation of the Police Chief Devlin.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Councilmember Maddox read the Treasurer's report. Councilmember Rager made a motion with a second by Councilmember Carpenter to approve the report as presented, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

DECEMBER	BEGINNING BALANCE	ENDING BALANCE
General Fund	\$ 390,447.35	\$ 268,052.39
Police	\$ 533,857.24	\$ 535,587.50
Public Works	\$ 103,757.38	\$ 102,167.52
MSA	\$ 19,521.72	\$ 10,613.92
Community Safety	\$ 50,371.87	\$ 52,376.09

CIP	\$ 367,206.16	\$ 368,379.76
CD	\$ 76,611.30	\$ 76,804.13

Delinquent Money Owed: \$29,723.82

Trash	\$ 2,439.53	Grass Cutting	\$ 1,016.00
Water	\$ 3,803.35	Property Maintenance	\$ 0.00
Property Taxes	\$18,012.54	Rental Property License	\$ 417.06
Fines	\$ 0.00	Other Fees	\$ 209.28
Vacant Building Fees	\$ 0.00	Court Costs	\$ 3,826.06

Total Delinquent monies owed: \$29,723.82

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: NONE Dustan stated he shut down a Sophias Landing contractor on 1/15/2025, due to bond phase 2 not being in place yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

23/24 Audit Review: Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember Carpenter to approve the audit review as presented, meeting, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Annexation for Sandbox: Needs a resolution introduced and a committee needs to be assigned to present recommendations. Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember Carpenter to table this matter, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Employee wages: Mayor Glanden presented his request to increase the part time clerk from \$16.39 to \$20.00 an hour and to increase maintenance /water operator from \$18.52 to \$21.00. A notion was made by Councilmember Maddox with a second by Councilmember Carpenter to approve the raises. Motion carried by majority vote with one no vote from Councilmember Pete Rager due to the proposed tax increase timing.

Election: Mayor Glanden stated the election was coming up on March 1, 2025. Letters of intent are due no later than January 31, 2025. There are three seats up for election.

Appointment of Committee Members for the Budget Committee: Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember Carpenter to approve appointment of Alex Donovan to the Budget committee along with Mayor Glanden, Councilmen Rager and Maddox, Dustan Russum and Alice Green, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

OPEN FLOOR: James Joles of 185 Hightide Dr thanked the town for the snow removal at Waters Edge and shared his feelings on the tax and community issues.

TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mayor Glanden stated he thought Jim & Dustan did an excellent job with the snow removal, all agreed.

With no further business, Councilmember Maddox made a motion with a second by Councilmember Carpenter to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:56

Respectfully submitted.

Pete Rager
Secretary

