

TOWN OF  
**FREDERICA**

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**MEETING MINUTES  
FOR  
GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING  
February 5, 2025**

- Call to Order: 7:00 PM
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call

Mayor	Chick Glanden	Present
Councilman	Pete Rager	Absent
Councilman	Ricky Maddox	Present
Councilman	Bret Carpenter	Present
Councilwoman	Virginia Simpler	Present

- A motion was made to DEVIATE FROM PROPER ORDER, and unanimously passed.
- Notice was given of the resignation of Councilman Rager from his seat.
- Mayor Glanden publicly read the names of all registered entries for the upcoming council seat elections. He then solicited a motion from council to appoint one of these candidates to fill Councilman Rager's seat for the remainder of his term. A motion was made by Councilwoman Simpler to appoint Alex Donovan to this seat. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carpenter. Upon vote, the motion was carried, by two ayes, Councilman Carpenter and Councilwoman Simpler, one abstain, Councilman Maddox.
- Alex Donovan was sworn in to council, and also assumed Councilman Rager's duty as secretary.
- Mayor Glanden introduced Resolution 25-R-01 (*Terms Resolution Jackson Street DWSRF Loan*)

- Motion was made, seconded, and Resolution 25-R-01 was unanimously adopted
- Mayor Glanden introduced Resolution 25-R-02 (*Grayway Developers LLC Annexation Petition - Appointment of Annexation Committee*).
- Representatives of Grayway made a presentation to the Council. Noteworthy points of the presentation include:

Spearheading party: Grayway Developers LLC  
 Legal Representation: Morris James  
 Engineering Representation: Fuller Engineering  
 Three parcels are involved, and one is already within town limits.  
 R2 Residential Zoning is desired  
 Proposed illustration showed 109 single family homes and 170 duplex units.

- Discussion occurred between the presenter and members of council.
- Regarding 25-R-02, a motion was made and seconded to adopt the Resolution, and Council voted unanimously.
- Mayor Glanden proposed the appointment of himself, Alex Donovan, and Bret Carpenter to be on the annexation committee.
- A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the proposed committee members.
- A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to RETURN TO PROPER ORDER.
- A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to table the minutes for last meeting in lieu of Councilman Rager’s absence.
- Presentation of the following reports were made by Dustan Russum.

Water Report: Nothing consequential to present  
 Code Enforcement: Some small complaints had been addressed, mostly pertaining to leaf debris.  
 Police Report: The Felton Police Chief has been assisting the Town with inventory and the accreditation.

- Councilman Maddox voiced his concerns over whether the accreditation and/or upgrades to the police department building was worth the cost without current police staff.
- A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the water, code enforcement, and police reports.

- NEW BUSINESS.
  - Anita Hart announced her retirement from lead role in the Tidal Market, and introduced her successor, Lindsey Koyangi.
  - Miss Koyangi stood and addressed the council with suggestions on market improvements, i.e. social media, earlier starting date, different events, and modifications to vendor layout and billing.
  - Town clerk Alice Green put forth a recommendation to the council regarding possible computer system upgrades, due to breaches of cyber security in the town's computer system. Three options were voiced; the following one was favored and brought to a vote: *“Internet content filter: \$285/year Cyber Security Awareness training emails: \$17.50/quarter/user. For Jen & Alice: \$140/year.”*
  - A motion was made and seconded, and the vote to approve the computer system upgrades carried unanimously.
  - Town clerk Alice Green put forth a second recommendation to the council regarding the need for updated computer equipment due to aging and un-updatable equipment. The approximate cost is estimated to be \$1,600.00. Discussion took place between council members and Miss Green regarding the matter.
  - A motion was made, seconded, and council's vote carried unanimously to approve the computer equipment upgrades.
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- Mayor Glanden then called Alex Donovan as Chairman of the Property Tax Committee, to present the committee's findings to council.
  - After discussion, the council (*excluding Bret Carpenter, absent to restroom*) motioned, seconded and approved the committee's proposal which is listed as follows:
    - *A universal tax rate of 24.5 cents per hundred dollars of assessed property value shall be used to calculate the annual tax liability of each property owner, for all classes of property.*
    - *A discount of 20% of the annual property tax liability shall be offered to qualifying senior citizens, albeit the aggregate annual total of this discount shall not exceed \$400.00*
    - *A qualifying senior citizen is described as any person aged 65 or greater as of the 15 day of May preceding the upcoming tax bill cycle. In addition, a qualifying senior must have been a permanent resident of, and property owner*

*in the town contiguously for the five years preceding an application for discount.*

- OPEN FLOOR.
- Public comment was heard from Megan McIlvain, of 105 Front St. and summarized as follows: *(the newly sought computer hardware should be selected in respect of upgradeability, and capacity for additional memory)*
- After a call for adjournment, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*(Secretary, Town of Frederica)*