

TOWN OF FREDERICA

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING June 3, 2026

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

Mayor	Chick Glanden	Present
Councilman	Alex Donovan	Present
Councilwoman	Megan McIlvain	Present
Councilman	Bret Carpenter	Present
Councilwoman	Marie Shaw	Absent
Town Solicitor	Dianna Stuart	Present

- A motion was made and carried unanimously to accept the minutes from the previous meeting in written form.
- Dustan Russum presented the Water, Code Enforcement, and Police Reports, notable points were as follows:
 - Following last quarter's billing cycle, 15 water services were shut off for non-payment.
 - Resolution 26-R-3 (*a Resolution pertaining to truck traffic on Front & David St.*), and Resolution 26-R-4 (*a Resolution pertaining to the speed limit on Frederica Rd.*) were both presented to DelDot for preliminary review. The resolutions have both been returned to town for further

restructuring pending the creation of a final draft.

- The construction project on Frederica Rd. is anticipated to conclude in 3 more weeks.
 - In anticipation of the upcoming renovation to the Frederica Police Station, Dustan Russum has offered to Green Diamond Builders (*the winning bidder*) the services of the Town's Porta-Potty and dump trailer for waste removal, in an effort to curtail costs.
 - Phone service at Town Hall is being switched to Martel Inc., in hopes of better service provision at a more reasonable rate.
 - A virtual meeting is scheduled on July 1st with state officials to review the Town's Comprehensive Plan.
 - A meeting is scheduled on Thursday, June 11th, with Richard E. Pierson, the contractor who won the bid for the Central Marker St. Water Main Replacement.
 - The suspended Water Main Project on Jackson St. is still in limbo. Dialog is still underway with state officials in effort to obtain further funding. To date, no funding has yet been secured.
 - Our Town financial consultants from "By The Books" continue to find mistakes and mis-logs in the previous record keeping. \$30,000 of leftover A.R.P.A. funds has just been discovered to have been mis-logged. The discovery of this extra unknown funding has prompted a discussion on replacement of the Town Hall's aging front door.
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- A motion was made and carried unanimously to accept the Water, Code Enforcement, and Police Reports.
 - The Planning Commission was not present and had nothing to report.

OPEN FLOOR

- Dawn Fletcher, of 11 Thomas St. questioned Dustan Russum if we should be using the extra A.R.P.A. funds found for a new front door when she feels we may need a new, larger Town Hall in the near future. She went on to say that she disagrees with the proposed Water Rate Increase, commenting that she felt town water quality was poor and did not justify the cost. Furthermore, she thanked the Town for furnishing the brush disposal dumpster.
- Ranelle Naylor, of 27 Jackson St. also echoed concerns of poor water quality, and disagreed with the proposed rate increase.
- Christiana Johnson of 254 S. Market St., echoed concerns of poor water quality, and furthermore went on to question the results of past soil testing in the current Town Park.
- Ginger Christianson, who has been working to set up a daycare center at 7-11 Market St. spoke briefly, and requested to be placed on the agenda for the following meeting in order to present a revised business plan.

NEW BUSINESS

- Officer Sidney Smith, the newest addition to the Frederica Police Force was sworn in to office, contingent on the completion of certification requirements.
- Ordinance 26-05 (*An Ordinance amending Chapter 425-Water, to increase the water usage rate.*) was introduced for its first reading. Following discussion, the ordinance draft was slightly amended to exclude an automatic 3% rate increase per annum. In lieu of this, an annual mandatory rate review was added. Following these modifications, the revised draft was called to a vote and unanimously passed.

- A revised proposal from Pye-Barker for cameras installed in the Town Park, and Town Hall was called to vote and unanimously passed.
- A proposal was presented by Fisher Architecture Interior Design, at the suggestion of Pennoni Engineering. This proposal was a cost scope for the design of a new front entrance ramp for Town Hall. Considering the tight constraints of the DelDot right-of-ways, Council unanimously tabled the matter pending a survey and plot plan be made for the parcel on which Town Hall sits.

OLD BUSINESS

- There were no new Police General Orders to present.
- The rough draft of proposed Charter Changes was presented by Town Solicitor Dianna Stuart. After a short discussion, Council voted to forward this document to the General Assembly for review without objection.
- Pertaining to the Comprehensive Plan, there was no new business to be addressed. All news on the progress of the Comp. Plan were already given out of order during Dustan Russum's reports.
- Council moved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Alexander Donovan

Respectfully Submitted,
(*Secretary, Town of Frederica*)