

TOWN OF FREDERICA

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING August 19, 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	Present
Town Solicitor	Gary Juenge	Absent

- 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:
 - Water shutoffs for nonpayment took place today.
 - The Market Street water main project is expected to begin in the 1st week of September.
 - Teal Construction is expected to resume work on the Jackson Street water main in mid September.

- Due to the elimination of copper hardlines by Verizon, a new alarm system will be required for the well houses.
 - Dustan suggested action on a potential ordinance prohibiting data centers within town limits; citing a similar measure being undertaken by the City of Harrington.
 - Furthermore, Dustan suggested re-visiting the sidewalk snow clearing ordinance, citing the fact that practical enforcement is very limited.
 - Pertaining to Police matters, our newest officer Sydney has been busy patrolling. Also, one Tahoe is down for repairs, and the Police Station remodel is ready for plumbing and electric work.
- A motion was made and carried unanimously to accept the Water, Code Enforcement, and Police Reports.
 - The planning commission put forth recommendation to approve the new SFD permit for 8 Jackson St. contingent on the fact that an old illegal water service be removed first. Council agreed, with this recommendation, and therefore approved the permit with this condition.

OPEN FLOOR

- Frank Cain appeared and voiced discontent over the penalty for the water service disconnection / reconnection fees.
- Ardina Custis asked when to transfer water trash and sewer accounts. Dustan answered.

NEW BUSINESS

- Sheila P. from 117 Lowber St. shared plans for a block party on Lowber St., on October third, seeking approval from Council. Council approved contingent on access being maintained open for emergency personnel.

- Aaron Cooper, a representative of the Delaware State Housing Authority, shared the agencies interest in including 4 Frederica properties in its “Delaware Community Development Block Grant” program. This program helps offset the cost of owner-occupied home repairs for lower income individuals. Persons wishing to participate must apply with the agency, and there is a waiting list. Each property that is selected is eligible for repairs totaling up to \$20,000.00.
- The Frederica Senior Center parking lot is moving forward with a total funding of \$97,564.00 being furnished. All site work is included in this amount. Jerry's Paving was awarded the job.
- No representation appeared for the Little Ducklings Learning Center. It was noted in discussion by Marie Shaw that the zoning district that the facility is in will require a conditional use permit regardless of facility size (*a question that had been previously raised*). Such conditional use application, if processed requires a Public Hearing, before it can come to Council for a vote. No action was taken following this discussion, The matter was tabled for lack of actionable content.

OLD BUSINESS

- There were no new Police General Orders.
- There is not yet anything actionable on the Comprehensive Plan.
- At 7:34 PM, Council moved unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Alexander Donovan

Respectfully Submitted,
(Secretary, Town of Frederica)