

**TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 12, 2019**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Saxton called the April 12, 2019, Town Council Regular Meeting to order at 6:10 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ATTENDANCE

Councilmembers Don Boteler, Sue Callaway, Jerry Masiello, Jimmy Oliver, Carol Stevenson, Frank Weisgerber, and Mayor Tim Saxton; Town Manager Maureen Hartman; Sgt. Patrick Wiley; Finance Director Renee McDorman; Town Solicitor Stephani Ballard; and Administrative Assistant Pam Smith.

Excused Absence: Councilmember Jerry Masiello

POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL CHANGES

- **Retirement of Chief Crowson**

Mayor Saxton stated that on April 1, 2019, Chief Troy Crowson tendered his retirement from the Town of South Bethany effective April 1, 2019. We thank him for his 30 plus years of service to the Town and wish him well in his future endeavors. The Town has immediately begun a search for a new Chief of Police for the Town of South Bethany.

- **Formal Promotion of Sergeant Patrick Wiley**

Mayor Saxton gave background information on Patrick Wiley who joined the South Bethany Police Department in July of 2010. Mayor Saxton stated that prior to his law enforcement career in South Bethany Sergeant Wiley was a sworn police officer with Delaware State University's Public University, and Sergeant Wiley is a retired U.S. Air Force Master Sergeant after serving 21 years before retiring in 2007 as a Superintendent of Intelligence and Investigations. Sergeant Wiley is bilingual and assists as a translator for the State Police and neighboring towns.

The Town, in an official ceremony, promoted Corporal Wiley to Sergeant of the Town of South Bethany Police Department.

Mayor Saxton congratulated Sergeant Wiley and thanked him for all the excellent, hard work he has done since accepting this role. He has provided needed leadership for the department and demonstrated a sense of urgency to not only continue police operations but also to handle the necessary administrative items for those serving under him.

Everyone recognized Sergeant Wiley's service with applause.

Mayor Saxton introduced retired Police Chief Mike Carroll who the Town hired as a Public Safety Consultant. Chief Carroll commented on his work at the South Bethany Police Department.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

March 8, 2019, Town Council Regular Meeting – Motion by Councilmember Boteler, seconded by Councilmember Oliver, to accept the March 8, 2019, Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

March 8, 2019, Town Council Executive Session – Motion by Councilmember Callaway, seconded by Councilmember Weisgerber, to accept the March 8, 2019, Town Council Executive Session Minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

March 28, 2019 Town Council Budget Workshop Meeting - Motion by Councilmember Boteler, seconded by Councilmember Oliver, to accept the March 28, 2019, Town Council Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 1-19, REVISED SCHEDULE OF FEES.

After discussion, this agenda item was tabled.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2-19, TO SET THE FY 2020 PROPERTY TAX AND RENTAL TAX RATES

Councilmember Boteler reviewed Resolution 2-19. Motion by Councilmember Boteler, seconded by Councilmember Weisgerber, to adopt Resolution 2-19, To Set the FY 2020 Property Tax and Rental Tax Rates. Motion unanimously carried.

VOTE TO APPROVE FY 2020 BUDGET

Motion by Councilmember Boteler, seconded by Councilmember Oliver, to approve the FY 2020 Budget. Motion unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON POLICE SERVICE ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY AND THE TOWN OF OCEAN VIEW

Motion by Councilmember Stevenson, seconded by Councilmember Boteler, to approve the Police Service Assistance Agreement Between the Town of South Bethany and the Town of Ocean View. Motion unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON POLICE SERVICE ASSISTANCE FROM THE DELAWARE STATE POLICE

Motion by Councilmember Stevenson, seconded by Councilmember Oliver, to allow the Delaware State Police to assist in a few blocks of four hours throughout the week. Motion unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE TO REVISE OR ELIMINATE FORMAL RULES OF PROCEDURE

After discussion, this agenda item was tabled and will be discussed again at the April 25, 2019, Town Council Workshop Meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE TO APPOINT PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

Motion by Councilmember Boteler, seconded by Councilmember Oliver, to appoint Scott Fischer and Tim Shaw as Planning Commission Members. Council agreed that Tim Shaw would have to resign as a member of the Charter and Code Committee. Motion unanimously carried.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

1. Mayor Saxton – The Mayor submitted his report for review and summarized items in his oral report.
2. Town Manager – The Town Manager submitted her report for review with no additions.
3. Treasurer's Report – Councilmember Boteler said the Town is 11 months into the current Fiscal Year with only one month to go.

COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS

1. Budget and Finance – Councilmember Boteler said the committee has not met since the last Town Council meeting. There is nothing new to report
2. Canal Water Quality – Councilmember Frank Weisgerber reviewed his communications with the University of Virginia, the University of Delaware, Envirotech, Center for the Inland Bays, DNREC, and Woods Hole Group regarding the maintenance of the canals. A discussion ensued.
3. Charter and Code – Chair John Fields submitted his report with no additions.
4. Communications and Public Relations – Councilmember Carol Stevenson submitted her report for review with no additions.
5. Community Enhancement – Councilmember Sue Callaway submitted her report for review. In addition to the submitted report, she thanked Public Works Supervisor Jon Stiffler and Rick Gentile for their hard work this spring. Mayor Saxton and Councilmembers Callaway and Stevenson attended the April SCAT Dinner Meeting and the April SCAT Legislative Breakfast. Councilmember Callaway reviewed information discussed at the breakfast regarding MSA funds and the 2020 Census.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Duane Gestwicki, 411 Cattail Rd. – Thanked Councilmember Weisgerber for his report and appreciates his effort. Regarding the video of South Bethany, questioned if we want everyone to know about our secret spots here. He thanked the Council for the work they are doing.

Larry Budd, 4 S. 3rd St. – Regarding the Rules of Procedure and three readings of ordinances, would like more visibility of the ordinances if the number of readings is shortened. Relevant to the police coverage from other agencies, asked if this would provide 24/7 coverage or something less. Mayor Saxton said it most likely will not provide 24/7 coverage – there is no guarantee that every block will be filled. Mr. Budd inquired if the goal was to get back to 24/7 coverage once the department is back to full staff. Mayor Saxton replied yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Boteler, seconded by Councilmember Oliver, to adjourn the April 12, 2019, Town Council Regular Meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.