

TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MAY 10, 2019
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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Saxton called the May 10, 2019, Town Council Regular Meeting to order at 6:25 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; Town Solicitor Stephani Ballard; and Administrative Assistant Pam Smith.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Town Council Executive Session Minutes, April 9, 2019 – Motion by Councilmember Boteler, seconded by Councilmember Oliver, to accept the April 9, 2019, Town Council Executive Session Minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes, April 12, 2019 – Motion by Councilmember Callaway, seconded by Councilmember Masiello, to accept the April 12, 2019, Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion unanimously carried.

Town Council Workshop Meeting Minutes, April 25, 2019 – Motion by Councilmember Callaway, seconded by Councilmember Oliver, to accept the April 25, 2019, Town Council Workshop Meeting Minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON ENTERING INTO MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH STATE OF DELAWARE AS AN AGGREGATION PARTNER FOR PROCUREMENT OF ENERGY CONTRACTS

The Town Manager recommended that the Town sign up for the State of Delaware Electricity Supply program when the Town's contract through the Chamber of Commerce' electric co-op expires in June. The current supply rate with the State is \$0.06154/kwhr. The current supply rate with the Chamber of Commerce is between \$0.0679 and \$0.0748. A discussion ensued and the Town Manager took questions from the Council. Mayor Saxton clarified that this agreement is just for the Town government's electricity – it is not for property owners' electricity.

Motion by Councilmember Masiello, seconded by Councilmember Stevenson, to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the State of Delaware, Office of Management and Budget and the Town of South Bethany for the aggregation of energy requirements into retail supply contracts for electricity. Motion unanimously carried.

ACCEPT WITHDRAWAL OF AN ELECTION BOARD MEMBER AND DISCUSSION AND VOTE TO APPOINT A NEW MEMBER

Motion by Councilmember Boteler, seconded by Councilmember Oliver, to accept the withdrawal of Bonnie Rae as an Election Board member and appoint Peter Bogetti as an Election Board member. Motion unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION OF ROADWAYS

The Town Manager explained that the Town has the opportunity to go out for bids with the Town of Fenwick Island for streets on the Town's master plan in need of paving (not microsurfacing).

The Town would probably get a better price on the asphalt by going out to bid with the Town of Fenwick Island. The paving would be done in the fall or the early spring.

After discussion, motion by Councilmember Oliver, seconded by Councilmember Boteler, to spend up to \$7,000 for Kercher Engineering to prepare the project documents. Motion unanimously carried.

The Town Manager will invite Mike Biacco to attend the May 23, 2019, Town Council Workshop Meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON POLICE SERVICE ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY AND THE TOWN OF FENWICK ISLAND

Mayor Saxton stated that the police service assistance agreement is a very effective way of supplementing this situation right now. Mayor Saxton said it is not outsourcing.

Motion by Councilmember Oliver, seconded by Councilmember Masiello, to approve the Police Service Assistance Agreement Between the Town of South Bethany and the Town of Fenwick Island. Motion unanimously carried.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

1. Mayor Saxton – The Mayor submitted his report for review. The Mayor added that he and the Town Manager attended the Association of Coastal Towns (ACT) meeting yesterday. Mayor Saxton reviewed the topics discussed at the meeting. The proposed dues for the coming year are \$4,000. The dues will cover the Tony Pratt consulting agreement, the liability insurance for ACT, and a stenographer for the meetings. Councilmember Oliver suggested inviting Tony Pratt to the next workshop and see what he can do to help the Town regarding water quality and beach access. The Chiefs of Fenwick Island and Ocean View and Chief Mike Carroll interviewed 10 individuals for the Chief of Police position. They have narrowed it down to three candidates who will have their final interviews next week. All three candidates are Delaware certified. A special meeting will be held the week of May 20 to discuss a potential hire and the contract terms. Mayor Saxton noted that Ocean View Police and Delaware State Police are working in town and it has been a very successful project. For the 10 days of patrolling in April, 75 speeding tickets were written. Mayor Saxton said it is very noticeable that the speed has started to drop on Route 1 in South Bethany. Mayor Saxton said he is not looking for the quantity of tickets, he is looking for the speed to go down.
2. Town Manager – The Town Manager submitted her report for review. The Town Manager reviewed the following information from the Beach Patrol Captain: Tryouts have gone well and the Beach Patrol is fully staffed and looking strong. Captain Ryan is getting the equipment ready and ordering supplies. The Beach Patrol is ready for Memorial Day Weekend. Captain Ryan starts full time with the Town on Monday.
3. Treasurer's Report – Councilman Boteler stated that the Town enjoyed roughly a \$250,000 surplus this year. The big contributor was Realty Transfer Tax. The Town budgeted \$380,000 and received \$609,000. The ARM account will be fed as needed and the remainder will be put into uncommitted reserves which the Town will have discretion to use for the street paving project.

COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS

1. Budget and Finance – No report as the committee did not meet.
2. Canal Water Quality – Councilmember Frank Weisgerber said there was no committee meeting. Envirotech has been patrolling the canals.
3. Charter and Code – Charter and Code Committee 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 with no additions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dick Oliver, 410 Victoria Rd. – As Secretary of the Friends of the South Coastal Library, Mr. Oliver announced that there will be two South Bethany houses on the Friends of the South Coastal Library 2019 Beach and Bay Cottage Tour July 24 and 25. Volunteers are needed to serve as hosts at the tour homes and to aid in parking at the tour homes. Mr. Oliver encouraged everyone to volunteer. Contact Mr. Oliver if you are interested in volunteering.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Boteler, seconded by Councilmember Oliver, to adjourn the May 10, 2019, Town Council Regular Meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

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