MINUTES
EXECUTIVE SESSION AND TOWN COMMISSIONERS’ MEETING
TOWN OF DEWEY BEACH

AT
DEWEY BEACH LIFESAVING STATION
1 DAGSWORTHY AVENUE
DEWEY BEACH, DELAWARE, 19971
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020
EXECUTIVE SESSION TO BEGIN AT 8:00 A.M.
TOWN COMMISSIONERS’ MEETING TO RE-CONVENE AT 8:30 A.M.

Convene Monthly Town Commissioners Meeting

Convene Executive Session Video Recording Mark (VRM) Video 1 of 2: 00:05 Motion by Commissioner Cooke to convene Executive Session. Seconded by Commissioner Persinger. The vote carried unanimously.

Pursuant to 29 Del. C. §10004 (b) (4) the Town Commissioner’s will be meeting in executive session to hold strategy sessions involving legal advice with respect to pending litigation where an open meeting would have an adverse effect on the Town’s litigation position.

Adjourn Executive Session

Re-Convene Monthly Town Commissioners Meeting (VRM: 00:01)

Video 2 of 2 from this point down:

Opening Ceremonies/Roll Call/Pledge/Moment of Silence (VRM: 00:01) Present: Mayor Redefer, Commissioner Moskowitz, Commissioner Persinger, Commissioner Cooke, Town Solicitor Fred Townsend, Town Manager Scott Koenig

Adoption of Agenda (VRM: 01:30) Motion by Commissioner to Cooke adopt the agenda. Commissioner Persinger asked for the agenda to be amended by move agenda item number 2 to item number 5 and reorder the other items, and change item number two to read, “Distribution of rough draft of the fiscal year 2021 Budget Summary. Preliminary discussion as time permits; detailed discussion will take place at an upcoming Town Commissioner’s Meeting”. Commissioner Cooke accepted the amendment. Seconded by Commissioner Moskowitz. The vote carried unanimously.

Update By Mayor Redefer:
- COVID-19 Response Plans
- Curbing along Route One in Dewey Beach

Public Comments (VRM: 04:21) Public Comment by Pat Wright

Action and/or Discussion Items:
1. Discuss and possibly vote to authorize reasonable reimbursement of legal fees incurred by indemnified Commissioner Paul Bauer pursuant to Chapter 22 Indemnification of Officials. (VRM: 06:53) Motion by Commissioner Cooke to pay the requested legal fees of Commissioner Bauer in the amount of $14,024.44. Seconded by Commissioner Persinger. The motion carried 3-0 with the votes as follows: Mayor Redefer- Yes, Commissioner Cooke- Yes, Commissioner Persinger- Yes, Commissioner Moskowitz- abstained.

2. Discuss and possibly vote to adopt an ordinance to amend the Code of the Town of Dewey Beach Chapter 93-5, Parking Permits and Chapter 158-9, Parking Meters to amend the rate of parking fees. (VRM:20:53 Motion by Commissioner Moskowitz to adopt an ordinance to amend the Code of the Town of Dewey Beach Chapter 93-5, Parking Permits and Chapter 158-9, Parking Meters to amend the rate of parking fees. Seconded by Commissioner
Commissioner Persinger asked for 158-9(B) (2) to be amended as follows: “The metered rate will be $2.50 per one hour of parking on Monday thru Wednesday on all parking meters. On Thursday through Sunday the metered rate will be $3.00 per one hour of parking on all electronic meters capable of variable parking rates, and $2.50 per one hour of parking on all other meters”.

Commissioner Moskowitz asked for an amendment to break up 93-5 item 3, and make it items numbers 3 and 4 to read 3: “Direct employees of Dewey Beach businesses with valid proof (pay stub or employment letter) shall be permitted to purchase up to one discounted seasonal permit at $200.00,
4: Property owners are eligible for the $200.00 rate on additional seasonal parking permits.
Commissioner Moskowitz and Commissioner Cooke accepted the amendments.

3. Discuss and possibly vote to authorize the Dewey Beach Police Department to submit an application for the Local Law Enforcement Grant offered by Sussex County and purchase items authorized in accordance with the grant guidelines. (VRM: 27:59) Motion by Commissioner Moskowitz to authorize the Dewey Beach Police Department to submit an application for the Local Law Enforcement Grant offered by Sussex County and purchase items authorized in accordance with the grant guidelines with the understanding that in the future more information will submitted with the form. Seconded by Commissioner Persinger. The vote carried unanimously.

4. Discuss and possibly vote to accept the proposal by Remington & Vernick Engineers to provide planning and support services to the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding review and possible recommendations for changes to bulk standards in the NR, RR and PR zoning districts. (VRM: 34:38) Motion by Commissioner Moskowitz to approve the proposal by Remington & Vernick Engineers to provide planning and support services to the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding review and possible recommendations for changes to bulk standards in the NR, RR and PR zoning districts, provided the money comes from the Comprehensive Plan account. Seconded by Commissioner Persinger. VRM: 40:48 Commissioner Moskowitz asked for the motion to be amended to state that up to five meetings can be Planning and Zoning Commission or Town Commissioner Meetings, and to give word to the Planning and Zoning Committee and Chris Fazio that this approval is not intended to increase building sizes and the town would like to add more homes be more flood resistant and seek proposals. No second.VRM:41:42 Commissioner Persinger asked that he be given permission to go back to Chris Fazio to discuss possible changes with him, and then come back to Council with it at a future meeting. VRM: 42:25 Motion by Commissioner Moskowitz to table this agenda item to the March 7th Town Commissioner’s Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Persinger. The vote carried unanimously.

5. 2. Rough draft of the Fiscal Year 2021 budget will provided to the Commissioners, and will be discussed at the next Town Commissioners Meeting to allow time for review. Distribution of rough draft of the fiscal year 2021 Budget Summary. Preliminary discussion as time permits; detailed discussion will take place at an upcoming Town Commissioner’s Meeting. (VRM: 42:57) Discussion began. No vote

6. Committee Reports (VRM:

7. Town Manager Comments (VRM:1:12:03) No Comments

8. Commissioners’ Comments: (VRM:1:12:04)
   a. Commissioner Paul Bauer Not present
   b. Commissioner Dale H. Cooke Comments
   c. Commissioner David Moskowitz Comments
   d. Commissioner Gary Persinger Comments
   e. Mayor TJ Redefer Comments

Adjourn Town Commissioners’ Meeting (VRM: 1:25:30): Motion by Commissioner Moskowitz to adjourn the Town Commissioners’ Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Persinger. The vote carried unanimously.