**DRAFT MINUTES**

**SPECIAL TOWN COMMISSIONERS’ MEETING**

**AT THE Dewey Beach Lifesaving Station**

**1 Dagsworthy Avenue,**

**Dewey Beach, DE. 19971**

**Saturday, March 30, 2019**

**3:00 P.M.**

**Convene Town Commissioners’ Meeting**

**Roll Call/Opening Ceremonies/Pledge/Moment of Silence** Video Recording Mark (VRM): 00:40 Present: Commissioner Moskowitz, Commissioner Cooke, Commissioner Persinger, Commissioner Bauer, Mayor Redefer, Town Solicitor Fred Townsend, Town Manager Scott Koenig

**Adoption of Agenda** VRM: 01:27 Motion by Commissioner Persinger to adopt the agenda with the addition of public comments. Seconded by Commissioner Moskowitz. The vote carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes** VRM: 02:20

* February 9, 2019 Monthly Town Commissioners’ Meeting Minutes Motion by Commissioner Persinger to approve the February 9, 2019 Monthly Town Commissioners’ Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Cooke. The vote carried unanimously.
* March 9, 2019 Monthly Town Commissioners’ Meeting Minutes Motion by Commissioner Persinger to approve the March 9, 2019 Monthly Town Commissioners’ Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Cooke. The vote carried unanimously.
* March 9, 2019 Executive Session Minutes Motion by Commissioner Persinger to approve the March 9, 2019 Executive Session Minutes. Seconded By Commissioner Cooke. The vote carried unanimously.

**Announcements** VRM: 06:33

* Accommodation Tax reminder- due April 15th
* Delinquent Beach Replenishment Tax
* Mrs. Walsh acknowledgement
* FOIA Training Class

**Public Comments** VRM:11:10 Carol Everhart, Surf Club General Manager Brenda

**Action and/or Discussion Items:**

1. Discuss and possibly vote to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 budget. VRM: 17:52 Motion by Commissioner Cooke to accept the proposed Fiscal Year 2020 budget with amendments as read by the Town Manager. Seconded by Commissioner Persinger. The vote carried 4-1 with Commissioner Moskowitz opposed.
2. Discuss proposed draft changes to the Town Charter in preparation for consideration of a final draft to be presented and discussed at the April 13, 2019 Town Commissioners’ Meeting. VRM: 44:04 Overview by Mayor Redefer followed by discussion among Commissioners, Town Manager Scott Koenig, and Town Solicitor Fred Townsend.
3. Discuss and possibly vote to approve Bernie Krauss as a member of the Investment Committee. VRM: 41:06 Motion by Commissioner Moskowitz to approve Bernie Krauss as a member of the Investment Committee. Seconded by Commissioner Persinger. The vote carried unanimously.
4. Discuss and possibly vote on setting copying fees for FOIA. VRM: 1:26:23 Motion by Commissioner Moskowitz to table this agenda item to the April 13th meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Persinger. The vote carried 3-2 with Commissioner Bauer and Mayor Redefer opposed.
5. Review and discuss the LESO Program Inventory Report to include which items the town would like to keep and/or possibly sell, as well as the process for selling items acquired from the LESO Program. VRM: 1:28:59 Discussion among Commissioners and Town Manager Scott Koenig
6. Discuss and possibly vote on proposal from Remington and Vernick Engineers for the proposed GIS Stormwater Infrastructure Management Mapping Database Phase I. VRM: 02:09:37 Overview by Town Manager Scott Koenig. VRM: 02:24:04 Motion by Commissioner Persinger to schedule a Public Hearing to consider the Remington and Vernick Engineers proposal for GIS Stormwater Infrastructure Management database for the Town of Dewey Beach, and in the interim this project be considered and voted upon by the Infrastructure Committee. Seconded by Commissioner Moskowitz. The vote carried unanimously.
7. Discuss the status of TGM Group as the town’s auditor. VRM: 02:24:48 Overview by Mayor Redefer followed by discussion among Commissioners.
8. Discuss and possibly vote to update the Town of Dewey Beach Emergency Operation Plan. VRM: 02:46:09 Motion by Commissioner Moskowitz (TM Updates). Seconded by Commissioner Cooke. The vote carried unanimously.
9. Discuss and possibly vote to allow additional off-season expansion of premises. VRM: 02:46:31 Overview by Mayor Redefer followed by discussion among Commissioners. VRM: 2:49:49 Motion by Commissioner Moskowitz to defer this agenda item to the May Town Commissioners Meeting. No second. VRM: 2:50:60 Motion by Commissioner Moskowitz to send the memo to Planning and Zoning for their consideration of the issue. Seconded by Commissioner Persinger. VRM: 2:51:46 Motion by Commissioner Moskowitz to amend his motion to refer the memo to Planning and Zoning to amend Ordinance696 (D) to look into expanding the number of additional off season temporary expansions that can be applied for. Seconded by Commissioner Persinger. VRM: 2:52:36 Motion by Commissioner Moskowitz to amend the motion to ask Planning and Zoning to also look for the pros and cons.

VRM: 2:53:29 Motion by Commissioner Moskowitz to have Planning and Zoning look at the memo; look at Ordinance 696 part D; provide the pros and cons of allowing two additional off season temporary expansions provided they are family friendly events; and give feedback back to the Commissioners. Seconded by Commissioner Persinger. The vote carried unanimously.

1. Discuss and possibly vote on parking rates and free parking. VRM: 2:54:29 Discussion began. VRM: 3:14:50- Motion by Commissioner Moskowitz to change weekly parking from7 to 8 days, and from $55.00 to $60.00 as long as it is technically feasible for a small amount of money. Seconded by Commissioner Persinger. VRM: 3:18:34 Motion by Commissioner Moskowitz to amend the rate from $60.00 to $65.00. Seconded by Commissioner Persinger. The vote carried unanimously.
2. Discuss and possibly vote to approve a 1.5% hotel accommodations tax. VRM: 3:19:19 Discussion began. No vote.
3. Discuss pursuing the possibility of having lighted crosswalks, and other safety improvement for the upcoming Coastal Hwy repaving project. VRM: 3:45:43 Discussion began. No vote. Consensus among Commissioners to look into information related to lighted crosswalks as a pedestrian safety improvement.
4. Discuss having all department heads provide monthly reports to the commissioners at town meetings. VRM: 3:53:13
5. Committee Reports VRM: 3:57:15
6. Town Manager Comments VRM: 3:57:28 No comments
7. Commissioners’ Comments: VRM: 3:57:30
8. Commissioner Paul Bauer No comments
9. Commissioner Dale H. Cooke Comments
10. Commissioner David Moskowitz Comments
11. Commissioner Gary Persinger Comments
12. Mayor TJ Redefer Comments
13. Adjourn Town Commissioners’ Meeting VRM: 04:02:25 Motion by Commissioner Bauer to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Persinger. The vote carried unanimously.