

MINUTES of the REGULAR
ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
January 12, 2021 @ 7:00PM
OCEAN VIEW, DE 19970

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Reddington called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Present: Council Members Tom Maly, Frank Twardzik, Bert Reynolds, and Bruce White. Town Manager Carol Houck, Finance Director Dawn Parks, Police Chief Ken McLaughlin, Planning & Development Director Ken Cimino, Town Solicitor Dennis Schrader, and Town Clerk Donna Schwartz were also present.

Mr. Schrader read the meeting Rules of Procedure to those present on ZOOM.

2. **ADOPTION of Agenda**

A motion was made by Council Member Maly, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

3. **APPROVAL of the Town Council Minutes**

A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Maly, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 10, 2020. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

4. **REPORTS**

A. **Financial (Dawn Parks)**

Report received and filed.

B. **Public Safety (Ken McLaughlin)**

Report received and filed.

Council Member Twardzik commented he appreciates all the work for accreditation and that police work is 99% reports. He thanked Chief McLaughlin for the work they do. Council Member White questioned the existence of the mini golf course and if there were any difficulties with it. Chief McLaughlin replied there have been no problems, complaints, or crashes at all with the mini golf since it opened. He said he has observed several Ocean View residents have patronized the business.

C. **Planning, Zoning and Development (Ken Cimino)**

Report received and filed.

D. **Town Manager (Carol Houck)**

Report received and filed.

Mayor Reddington stated he agreed with moving the concerts to the fall because of the covid-19 pandemic. Council Member Maly personally thanked Town staff for their work over the past 11 months during the pandemic.

E. **Town Council**

5. **CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE ON AGENDA ITEMS** - None

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Introduction of Ordinance(s)** – None

B. **Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on the following Board of Election Regular Members: Baptist Damiano and Colleen Twardzik terms expiring 5/23. Alternate Members:**

Caryn Cleveland-Short, Richard Birkmeyer, and Marilyn Sheetz for three year terms expiring 5/24. Steve Cobb to fill the unexpired term of Tom Sylvia to 5/21.

A motion was made by Council Member Maly, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to approve the appointments of the Board of Election. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

C. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Voting on the 2021 Election Calendar.

A motion was made by Council Member Maly, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to approve the 2021 Election Calendar. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

D. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on Input Memo for First Draft of FY22 Budget. Items discussed:

- Discount for early tax payment – yes.
- Transfer Tax funding – not use.
- Exist on Tax base only – yes.
- Health and Dental – basic plans, okay
- Vision \$16.84 monthly – okay
- COLA/Merit – 3.3% starting point.
- Sick Leave payout – moving forward, done yearly.
- Events - all increased \$1,000 over last year – okay.
- Capital Budget - 10% contingency – yes.
- Water Budget – set by water company agreement, \$8,025 monthly.

Council Member White questioned how often the water meters are read. Mrs. Parks replied they are read quarterly. Mrs. Houck replied that all houses are equipped with smart meters and they are read electronically. She said she would get some more information on the meter reading.

E. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on recommendation for replacing the carpet at 32 West Avenue.

Mrs. Houck explained her recommendation for the replacement of carpet. She said she would like to do vinyl planking and use a carpet runner down the middle of the room. There should be no problem with soundproofing due to the change.

A motion was made by Council Member Maly, seconded by Council Member Reynolds, to approve the recommendation for flooring at 32 West Avenue. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

7. CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE - None

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Maly, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna M. Schwartz, CMC - Town Clerk