

MINUTES of the REGULAR
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
June 9, 2020 @ 7:00PM
HELD BY ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
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 present via ZOOM Teleconference.

2. **ADOPTION of Agenda**

A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Maly to adopt the agenda. The motion carried unanimously 5/0. Motion made by Council Member Maly, seconded by Council Member Reynolds, to add second Citizen's Privilege to agenda. 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 White, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 14, 2020. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

4. **REPORTS**

Town Manager Carol Houck discussed adding a vestibule on the rear of the building at 201 Central Avenue. She said it would reduce the amount of leaves/wind, heat and a/c loss and would include a walk off mat for dirt and rainwater. Council Member Reynolds asked if it would be handicap accessible. Mrs. Houck said the addition could cost between \$35,000 - \$40,000. All council members stated they were in favor of the vestibule addition.

Council Member White asked Ken Cimino about the signage for bicycle safety. Mr. Cimino reported that the signs were complete and would be placed in six locations about town. Mr. White also asked about the Mediacom contract. Mrs. Houck replied it would be on the agenda in July. Chief McLaughlin noted that his department received a bicycle safety grant to enforce bike safety on Route 26 in Ocean View.

5. **CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Elaine Cziraky, Ogre Drive, spoke about the street lighting on Ogre Drive. She stated she was in favor of reducing the brightness.

Steve Cobb, West Avenue, stated the mini golf looks good. He asked if the vestibule addition was in the budget. Mrs. Houck replied that there was money in the budget for the addition.

Dick Jennison, Ogre Drive, stated he felt the lighting modifications survey was an overreach of the Town Manager's authority and objected to the streetlight survey, saying it was poorly

designed. Town Solicitor Dennis Schrader stated there was no need for approval of the lights, the town can do whatever when they take over the road.

Chris Dominic, Hudson Avenue, asked if a metal detector would be included in the new vestibule. Mrs. Houck said she would consider it.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Introduction of Ordinance(s)

1. Introduction of an Ordinance by Council Member Reynolds amending and restating the Town of Ocean View Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2020.
2. Introduction of an Ordinance by Council Member Reynolds amending and restating the Town of Ocean View Capital Expenditure Budget for Fiscal Years ending April 30, 2020-2024.

B. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on a recommendation to replace Second Floor Flooring at 201 Central Avenue. (Houck)

Mrs. Houck asked for approval of her recommendation to do the flooring on the second floor at 201 Central Avenue. She said it would be like the first floor and the funds are available in the budget.

A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Maly, to approve funding for the 2nd floor carpeting and flooring. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

C. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on the Ogre Drive Street Lighting results. (Houck)

Mrs. Houck reported that the streetlights were installed with safety in mind. She sent a survey out recently asking whether the town should keep the lights the same or dim them. The results were 15 for dimming, 17 against dimming, and 8 with no reply. She said based on the results of the survey she recommends not dimming the lights. Chief McLaughlin also stated he was against dimming the lights, he said “the more light the better.” Mrs. Houck stated she could work with individual homeowners on blocking out some of the light.

Council Member Twardzik thanked the Town Manager, saying the lighting assists motorist too. He the decision is best for the town and liability issues. Council Member Reynolds felt the survey was fair and he would err on the side of safety. Council Member Maly said this issue has been going on since June of last year, the lighting should have been done by the builder and he wants to bring closure to this issue.

A motion was made by Council Member Maly, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to keep the lights on Ogre Drive as they are based on the survey results. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

D. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Voting on the process in which members are appointed and reappointed to Boards and Commissions. (Mayor Reddington)

Mayor Reddington offered Town Council his thoughts on Boards and Committees. He said he feels a person should be on one committee at a time. The town should advertise vacancies in the newspaper and on the website. The Town Council should help to recruit volunteers. Council

Member Twardzik asked if he was planning to set up a committee to review the procedures. He stated he would like to volunteer to chair the committee.

E. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on Council Meeting and Workshop Calendar for FY21.

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

7. CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE

Elaine Cziraky, Ogre Drive, spoke again about dimming the lights on Ogre Drive. She stated she was not happy with the Council's decision and continued to argue the point.

Dick Jennison, Ogre Drive, stated he supports Ms. Cziraky on the lighting issue. He stated he is concerned about the road being turned over to the town so that the police can enforce speeding and other violations. Mr. Schrader noted that this action was close to happening.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Reynolds, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

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