



# The Town of Fenwick Island

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FEBRUARY 21, 2020

### MINUTES

#### **In Attendance**

##### Town Council Members:

Mayor Langan, Vice Mayor Mais, Treasurer Bunting, Council Member Houser, Council Member Weistling

##### Absent:

Secretary Merritt, Council Member Carmean

##### Staff in Attendance:

Town Manager Tieman, Building Official Schuchman, Chief Boyden, Public Works Manager Locke, Beach Patrol Captain Rykaczewski, Finance Manager Gary, Town Clerk Martin

Mayor Langan began the meeting at 3:30 PM.

#### **President's Report**

Mayor Langan noted that he has heard nothing from the State about the wind project or the State park upgrades.

Mayor Langan also reported that Century Engineering have been surveying Town for the sidewalk project.

#### **For Discussion and Possible Action**

##### Approval of RRFB systems at two crosswalks

Town Manager Tieman noted that DelDOT has agreed to install signage at all crosswalks. At the two most popular crosswalks, at Bayard Street and Oyster Bay Drive, the request is to have solar blinking light signs installed. Senator Hocker and Representative Gray have agreed to use transportation funds for the cost of the solar signs.

A MOTION was made by Treasurer Bunting, seconded by Council Member Houser, to approve the installation of the signs. The MOTION passed unanimously.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

A MOTION was made by Council Member Houser, seconded by Vice Mayor Mais, to accept the minutes from the January 24, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. The MOTION passed unanimously.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Bunting presented the report for period ending January 31, 2020. He noted that only a few properties still owe taxes. He added that additional RTT was received last month, which brought the total for the year over what was budgeted.

A MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Mais, seconded by Council Member Houser, to accept the Treasurer's Report. The MOTION passed unanimously.

### **Town Manager's Report**

Town Manager Tieman submitted her report. She added she has begun working on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

### **Department Reports**

#### Building

Building Official Schuchman reported that 17 permits and 65 licenses were issued in January. She also noted that she has provided handouts on the back table for the upcoming census.

#### Public Works

Public Works Manager Locke submitted his report.

Council Member Weistling questioned about the condition of the dune crossovers. Public Works Manager Locke replied that all are being maintained when needed with the new Bobcat excavator.

#### Beach Patrol

Beach Patrol Captain Rykaczewski reported that he has been receiving lifeguard applications. Two trial tryouts have been scheduled for March.

#### Police Department

Chief Boyden submitted his report. He added that the new officer, Shawn Benton, started work this week.

### **Committee Reports**

#### Ad Hoc Commercial District Planning

Vice Mayor Mais reported that the Committee met with the consultant back in January and once he inputs the changes discussed into the draft guidelines, a Council Workshop will be scheduled to review the draft.

#### Beach

No report.

#### Business Development

No report.

#### Dredging

Council Member Weistling reported for Secretary Merritt, who is currently in the process of contacting engineers. A meeting is scheduled with the project manager on March 9, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

#### Environmental

Mary Ellen Langan reported that the Committee met yesterday in regards to Earth Day. Once plans are finalized, Mary Ellen will ask the Council for money for funding for Earth Day. At the meeting, the Committee also discussed long-term goals, especially addressing back bay flooding.

#### Finance

Vice Mayor Mais reported that the Committee met this morning to discuss the reserve and surplus funds. The Bank of Ocean City will raise the rate of the one fund with the lower interest rate.

Pedestrian Safety

Town Manager Tieman reported for Council Member Carmean. In January, representatives from the Town and the Committee met with Century Engineering. Once plans are received, a meeting will be scheduled with individual property owners. The sidewalk project is scheduled to begin in the Fall.

Planning

No report.

Technology

Mayor Langan noted there were 38,000 unique visitors to the Town's website over the last year, with 78% being new visitors.

Charter & Ordinance

No report.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Town Manager Tieman commented about the Public Hearing held last night in regards to the 18-slip marina permit for Lighthouse Cove. DNREC heard the concerns about the project, in particular with the north side of the proposed marina.

**Upcoming Events and Meetings**

Mayor Langan confirmed the upcoming events and meetings as stated on the agenda, adding the Environmental Committee Meeting scheduled for March 12, 2020 at 2:30 PM.

**Public Participation**

None.

**Adjournment**

A MOTION was made by Council Member Weistling, seconded by Vice Mayor Mais, to adjourn the meeting. The MOTION passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM.