



## The Town of Fenwick Island

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**Public Hearing-** Request to rearrange the property line between Lot 403 (1-34 23.16 59.00) and Lot 404 (1-34 23.12 60.00) also known as 903 Wright Street and 901 Wright Street, respectively, located within the incorporated limits of the Town. Council Member Weistling excused himself due to a conflict of interest. The application was approved for the subdivision of property with a 6-0 approval with Council Member Weistling abstaining.

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Friday, June 25, 2021

MEETING HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE

#### MINUTES

#### In Attendance

##### Town Council Members:

Mayor Langan, Vice Mayor Mais, Treasurer Bunting, Secretary Merritt, Council Member Carmean, Council Member Houser, Council Member Weistling

##### Staff in Attendance:

Town Manager Tieman, Police Chief Devlin, Building Official Schuchman, Finance Manager Gary, Beach Patrol Captain Rykaczewski, Town Clerk Menominee

##### Others in Attendance:

Along with the Town Council and Staff, there were an additional 32 participants that called in to the meeting.

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#### **1. President's Report - Mayor Langan**

Mayor Langan reported that on July 13th, the emergency order from the Governor is going to expire. He stated this will make it easier to have Town related meetings, but no outside groups will be allowed to have meetings in the Villalon Hall yet.

#### **2. For Discussion and Possible Action:**

2.1. Reaffirmation of

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- Installation of Valves [Valve CAF.pdf](#) 
- Voter Roll List [Voter Roll Strike List.pdf](#) 

Town Manager Tieman reported that in the June 25th Regular Town Council Meeting, a motion could not be detected for the Installation of Valves/Mowing contract and the Voter Roll List.

MOTION to approve the mowing contract for the installation of valves.

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*Moved by:* Mike Houser

*Seconded by:* Gardner Bunting

**MOTION passed.**

MOTION to approve the Voter Roll Strike List.

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*Moved by:* Gardner Bunting

*Seconded by:* Mike Houser

**MOTION passed unanimously.**

2.2. Review of Fenwick Island 2021 COVID Recovery Summer Events

Town Manager Tieman stated that staff recommended maintaining the 2021 COVID Recovery Summer Events as it states now. She said the Governor will be lifting the Emergency Order on July 13th, but in March of 2021, the State of Delaware passed House Bill which established that food/drink establishments will continue to be able to allow to-go alcohol and outdoor dining. Town Manager Tieman stated that 17,400 food/drink establishment jobs were lost in the State of Delaware, which resulted in 13.8% of unemployment in that sector. In 2019, food/drink establishment jobs in Delaware were at 50,800, which represents 11% of total employment in the State. Between February 2020 and April 2020 Delaware lost 66% of their food/drink jobs, making it the 3rd highest in the nation for unemployment. \$160 million in sales were lost between April 2020 alone and were on track to lose \$700 million between March of 2020 and July 2020.

MOTION to reaffirm the 2021 COVID Recovery Summer Events Resolution.

*Moved by:* Mike Houser

*Seconded by:* Bernie Merritt

**MOTION passed 6-1 with Council Member Carmean dissenting.**

2.3. Discussion of reopening Town Hall

Town Manager Tieman stated that the Governor is ending the State of Emergency on July 13th which means we can start to conduct in-person meetings again at the discretion of the Mayor/Town Council. The lobby is open for people to conduct Town Business without having to maintain a higher level of cleaning. Staff recommends keeping the Town Hall running the way it is currently. Council Member Carmean disagreed and is ready to open everything back up. Council Member Weistling stated that there would be people visiting this summer from many places, he did not think it would hurt to play it safe for a couple more months.

MOTION to not reopen Town Hall.

*Moved by:* Mike Houser

*Seconded by:* Bernie Merritt

**MOTION passes 6-1, with Council Member Carmean dissenting.**

2.4. Pre-approval for FY 2022 purchase of additional valves-\$23,100

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Town Manager Tieman requested pre-approval for the purchase of additional valves valued at \$23,100. Public Works was able to replace the first 11 valves and would like to continue working on the additional valves while the weather is accommodating. Town Manager Tieman stated that Public Works had a plan in place through July and August to do as many as they can as fast as they can.