



The Town of Fenwick Island

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Friday, September 24, 2021

MEETING HELD VIA HYBRID METHOD

MINUTES

In Attendance

Town Council Members:

Mayor Carmean, Vice Mayor Napolitano, Treasurer Breger, Secretary Magdeburger, Council Member Rymer, Council Member Bortner, Council Member Benn

Staff in Attendance:

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

Others in Attendance:

Along with the Town Council and Staff, there were an additional 32 participants that called in to the meeting and 54 participants who attended in-person.

1. Swearing-in Ceremony for New Town Council Members: Richard Benn & William Rymer

MOTION to accept the positions of Richard Benn & William (Bill) Rymer as new Town of Fenwick Island Council Members.

Moved by: Natalie Magdeburger

Seconded by: Jacque Napolitano

MOTION passed unanimously.

1.1. Reorganization for New Treasurer

Treasurer Breger stepped down from his position as Treasurer of the Town of Fenwick Island. Secretary Magdeburger nominated Bill Rymer as the Treasurer of the Town of Fenwick Island.

MOTION to accept Bill Rymer as the Treasurer of the Town of Fenwick Island.

Moved by: Paul Breger

Seconded by: Richard Benn

MOTION passed unanimously.

2. President's Report - Mayor Carmean

Mayor Carmean reported that the fall newsletter had gone out to the residents of Town. She said that she would like residents and property owners to email or call-in their contact information into the Town Hall and Police Station. Mayor Carmean reported that the Town is compiling a list of phone numbers and emails in case of emergency. She also reported that Vice Mayor Napolitano is in the process of putting together the Fenwick Freeze, which is proving to be fun way to ring in the New Year on the beach. Mayor Carmean reported that the Public Works department has been hard at work cleaning the beach, putting away lifeguard stands, and decorating for fall. She also said that US Wind and Orsted are back in the news with plans to build hundreds to thousands of wind turbines off the eastern seaboard. Mayor Carmean said seemed to indicate that a transmission station could be built at the Indian River site. Contacts from the Chamber to the Delaware Women's League of Voters are in favor of the wind turbines. She has been contacted by multiple pro-favor wind groups and she wanted the people of Fenwick Island and the other Council members to know that she would be meeting with various representatives. She wants to know firsthand what the impact would be on the Fenwick Island Community and she will report that back to the people of Fenwick Island.

3. Approval of Minutes from August 27, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting and August 20, 2021 Organizational Meeting of Town Council

MOTION to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting and August 20, 2021 Organizational Meeting of Town Council.

Moved by: Natalie Magdeburger

Seconded by: Janice Bortner

MOTION passed unanimously.

4. For Discussion and Possible Action:

4.1. Street Flooding Plan A: Additional Replacement Valves

Public Works Director Mike Locke demonstrated what the valves look like that they have been replacing on the bayside in each of the canals. He reported that to date they have replaced 24 valves.

Mayor Carmean also reported that Public Works Director Locke has identified 18 more valves that need to be replaced.

Council Member Benn said that this is the quickest and cheapest possible fix while the Town continues to study the problem. Vice Mayor Napolitano said they have to do something and it is worth a try.

MOTION to approve \$32,603 to replace the remaining valves.

Moved by: Richard Benn

Seconded by: Natalie Magdeburger

MOTION passed unanimously.

4.2. Street Flooding Plan B & Plan C Proposals

Mayor Carmean reported that additional funding has been set aside for the Farmington Street drainage project through GMB. She said Plan B would be the Infrastructure Committee and the residents of Farmington Street come together to work on a solution.

Mayor Carmean would like the Infrastructure Committee to take a look also at the Resiliency Implementation Plan which is to create a Master Plan for the pipes and drains of the Town at an estimated cost of \$68,000.

MOTION to turn the issues of Plan B over to the Infrastructure Committee.

Moved by: Jacque Napolitano

Seconded by: Paul Breger

MOTION passed unanimously.