

Town of Milton
Town Council Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2003

7:15 p.m. – OPEN FLOOR

Maria Wong of 110 Tilney Street had questions regarding the parking issue on Tilney Street (being told by the Police Department that her cars were illegally parked).

Jim Welu had questions regarding the policy for the public participation portion of the meetings. He thinks that the public portion of the meeting should not be prior to the actual meeting because people do not get a chance to respond to individual agenda items. He also has concerns regarding the Town Center. He agrees with it as it is. There is no need to include Broad Street. That would be disruptive to allow even on a “spot” basis. He would like to see both sides of Front Street include in front of the marina.

Ellen Mayhew of Dewey Beach Council introduced Mary Ann D’Amato of the Delaware Humane Association to address the cat issue. Ms. D’Amato stated that DHA has a spay and neuter program. They encourage Trap, Neuter and Release.

Mayor John F. Bushey called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. at the Fire Hall on Front Street.

Councilwoman Betts offered the opening prayer.

Mayor Bushey called the roll.

PRESENT: Mayor John Bushey
Councilman Charles Fleetwood
Councilwoman Leah Betts
Councilwoman Ronda Melson
Councilwoman Stephanie Parker
Councilman Jerry Hudson

ABSENT: Councilman Bill Wright

Others Present: Jocelyn Jenkins, Town Clerk
Stephanie Coulbourne, Finance Clerk
Dawn Johnson, Administrative Assistant
William Phillips, Chief of Police
Allen Atkins, Town Maintenance
Eric Evans, Code Enforcer

Presentation and Approval of Minutes

Councilwoman Betts made a *motion* to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2003 regular meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Parker.

Motion carried – “Aye”

Approval of Treasurer’s Report

Councilwoman Parker made a *motion* to accept the treasurer’s report, seconded by Councilman Hudson.

Motion carried – “Aye”

Presentation and Approval of Monthly Bills

Councilman Fleetwood made a *motion* to pay the monthly bills as money becomes available, seconded by Councilwoman Parker.

Motion carried – “Aye”

Stephanie Coulbourne stated that there is a bill from Wright’s Lawn Care that she needs approval to pay. The bill was for grading, hydroseeding, and fertilizing in the Mill Alley area. The bill was \$890 and was not in the budget.

Councilman Fleetwood made a *motion* to pay the bill, seconded by Councilwoman Parker.

Motion carried – “Aye”

Committee Reports

Sewer & Water Committee – Councilwoman Melson

Three engineers have been selected to be interviewed.

Ordinance Committee – Eric Evans

No report.

Personnel Committee – Councilwoman Parker

Councilwoman Parker stated that an Executive Session is necessary tonight.

Pension Committee – Councilwoman Betts

Councilwoman Betts reported that the Town employees agreed to go with the State Pension Plan.

Parks & Recreation Committee – Councilman Fleetwood

No report.

Economic Development Committee – Councilman Fleetwood

No report.

Planning & Zoning Committee – Linda Rogers

No report.

Milton Development Corporation – Councilwoman Betts

Councilwoman Betts reported that there will be 3 shows in December. Tickets will go on sale in one (1) week.

Board of Adjustment – John Collier

No report.

Written Reports

Maintenance Report

Councilwoman Betts made a **motion** to approve the maintenance report as written, seconded by Councilman Fleetwood.

Motion carried – “Aye”

Code Enforcer Report

Councilman Hudson made a **motion** to approve the Code Enforcer’s Report, seconded by Councilwoman Melson.

Motion carried – “Aye”

Police

Councilwoman Betts made a **motion** to approve the report of the Police Department, seconded by Councilwoman Parker.

Motion carried – “Aye”

Town Clerk

Councilman Fleetwood made a **motion** to approve the Town Clerk’s report, seconded by Councilwoman Betts.

Motion carried – “Aye”

There was a question regarding the use of municipal street aid money. Mrs. Jenkins included this in her report. It is okay to use it.

A motion was made and seconded.

Motion carried – “Aye”

Correspondence

1. Letter from Richard Ashby of 120 Federal Street requesting that his property be included in Town Center
2. Letter from William Wright stating that he is resigning from the Council.

Old Business

Recommendation from Water & Sewer Committee Regarding Carwash Sewer

Councilman Hudson stated that he thinks it would prudent for the Town to pay ½ the expenses due to the lax “record keeping”.

Councilman Hudson made a ***motion*** that the Town ½, seconded by Councilwoman Melson.

Motion carried – “Aye”

Town Center Boundaries

Councilwoman Parker stated that she feels by zoning Broad Street Town Center that the Town is going to lose the historic homes and the quality of life for those living there will be destroyed.

Mayor Bushey stated that several people have come to him with the same concerns.

Councilman Fleetwood stated that his motion was to accept Planning & Zoning’s recommendation.

Councilwoman Parker made a ***motion*** to accept Planning & Zoning’s recommendations for the Town Center boundaries as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fleetwood.

Councilman Fleetwood asked Linda Rogers if Planning & Zoning has heard anything at meetings to make Planning & Zoning change their minds about the Town Center boundaries? Mrs. Rogers stated that they have not. She also noted that any property owner could petition to change the zoning.

Mayor Bushey called the question on the motion.

- Councilman Fleetwood – Yes
- Councilwoman Betts – No
- Councilman Hudson – No (the neighborhood should have the right to determine what happens to it.)
- Councilwoman Parker – Yes
- Councilwoman Melson – No
- Mayor Bushey – Yes

The original vote to accept Planning & Zoning’s recommendation stands.

Status of Electric at the Park

Mrs. Jenkins stated that she confirmed with Gordy’s Insurance that’s the point of insurance. There is minimal risk by allowing Mr. Ashby and the Town to have keys. Mr. Ashby will be paying the electric bill.

Councilman Hudson made a **motion** to accept Mr. Ashby's offer regarding electric in the park. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fleetwood.

Motion carried – "Aye"

Comprehensive Plan/Ordinance Update

Mr. Evans reported that the Zoning Ordinance is completed. The subdivision ordinance will be ready next month for Council's review. He will also make sure that the Comprehensive Plan map is updated.

Street Light Installations

Mrs. Jenkins noted that it is okay to use Municipal Street Aid money.

Geese – Councilman Fleetwood

This problem seems to have taken care of itself for the time being.

New Business

Memorandum of Understanding with Cannery Village

Councilwoman Parker asked if Mr. Willard has made any comments. It was noted that he has and has referred it to Bob Kerr for input.

Councilman Hudson noted that the Committee feels the terms laid out by Cannery Village are agreeable.

This item will be on next month's agenda after talking to Mr. Willard and Mr. Kerr.

Food Lion Signage – Dale McAllister

Mr. McAllister showed proposed signage. A variance is needed for the fascia sign and entrance signs at Food Lion and for the fascia signs at Happy Harry's and Dollar General.

Councilman Fleetwood made a **motion** to grant the variance, seconded by Councilwoman Melson.

Motion carried – "Aye"

Request to Relocate EDU's from Clipper Square to Food Lion Plaza for Laundromat – Robert Parnell

This was discussed, and it was decided that Mr. Parnell will issue a check to the Town (which will be held) and the Town will issue him a building permit. The water and sewer committee will get an opinion on this matter from Mr. Kerr and Mr. Willard. Once that opinion is rendered, it will determine if the check is to be cashed or returned. This item will be on next month's agenda.

Resignation of Councilman William Wright

Councilman Fleetwood suggested that Council solicit letters of intent to fill the vacancy.

Councilwoman Betts made a **motion** to accept Mr. Wright's letter with regret, seconded by Councilwoman Parker.

Motion carried – “Aye”

Councilwoman Parker made a **motion** to solicit individuals to submit a letter of interest stating their reasons for interest by November 24, seconded by Councilman Fleetwood.

Motion carried – “Aye”

Executive Session

Councilman Fleetwood made a **motion** to go into Executive Session for personnel (after a five (5) minute recess) at 8:40 p.m., seconded by Councilman Hudson

Motion carried – “Aye”

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Johnson
Administrative Assistant

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