

TOWN OF BLADES

Office of the Mayor and Council
20 West Fourth Street
Blades, Delaware 19973

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Council Minutes
February 9th, 2009

Present: Mayor David Ruff, Councilman Russell Joseph, Councilman BJ Hardin, Councilman Earl Chaffinch, Councilman Mike Smith, Councilman Charles Green, and Vikki Prettyman, Town Administrator.

Mayor Ruff called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the January 12th, 2009 minutes, motioned to accept by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Chaffinch, motion carried.

Police Report: Commissioner Chaffinch read the Police Report submitted by Chief Cooke.

BEDCO: Councilman Hardin read the minutes for the February 5th, 2009 meeting submitted by Spuck Bennett.

Mayor Ruff commended the ideas and the work being done by BEDCO.

Planning & Zoning: Councilman Hardin read the minutes for the February 2nd, 2009 meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) Code Officer Report, Submitted by Bill Matsinger and read by Councilman Hardin
 - i. Commissioner Hardin commends Little Meadows in the compliance with the new address ordinance.
- 2) Housing Report, Submitted and read by Councilman Hardin
- 3) Water Report, Submitted by Brandon Slater, read by Councilman Greene
- 4) Streets Read, Read by Councilman Joseph
 - i. Commissioner Joseph stated that the Town has purchased new blade and shield for the freshly restored snow plow. The commissioner also wished to thank Councilman Greene in the removal of the cedar tree downed by winds in the High Street Cemetery. The councilman saved the town \$795.00.
- 5) Parks/Cemetery, Submitted and read by Michael Smith
- 6) Police Report, Submitted by Chief Cooke, read by Chief Cooke
- 7) Mayor Report, Read by David Ruff

New Business:

Mayor Ruff reminded Council that for any work needing to be completed must be submitted with a work order.

Town Administrator read a thank you letter from the Blades Volunteer Fire Company for the town in the assistance with payroll for the full time paid employee.

Mayor Ruff announced the Board of Elections as Starr Kulikauski, Marlene Bettis, and Julie Chelton. Motion made to accept the board members by BJ Hardin, seconded by Earl Chaffinch, motion carried.

Gutter quotes presented by Town Administrator. Motion made by BJ Hardin to have the gutter companies re-quote both the east and west facing sides of Hardin Hall, seconded by Earl Chaffinch, motion carried.

Source water protection act: Mayor Ruff believes there is room under the Land Use Ordinance under 12:2 Water Resource and replace sentence #2 under A & B. Act will be discussed at a workshop.

Councilman Joseph discussed that he is working with the state regarding the safe route to school. Councilman Joseph walked the area along Arch Street. They are discussing concrete sidewalks on Arch from Seventh to Fifth Streets and along Seventh to Ninth Streets. All is preliminary.

Mayor Ruff discussed that the Town is in discussion with Jason Loar from DBF on phase II funding of the storm water drainage project. There are still funding available from the originally funds dispersed in 2007. A grant request has been made through the Community Development Block Grant.

Mayor Ruff talked about the fire company's parade and hoping that the construction on Market will be completed before then. Some displeasure with past DelDot projects and how they have notified the town.

Good of the Community:

Todd Reilly, President of the BVFC, got up and spoke of the notice in the newsletter about how numbers for the new address ordinance would be available at the Fire Hall. He brought up the fire company's fundraiser of the address markers.

David Simpler brought to council the idea of reading the water meters on the 20th of the month, so he may include in his rental property billing.

No further Good of the Community.

Council scheduled workshop for 2/16 and 2/23 at 6pm.

Councilman Chaffinch motioned for an Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Smith, motion carried.

Recess at 8pm.

Motion made to adjourn the council meeting by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Greene, motion carried, Mayor Ruff adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.

Submitted,

Vikki Prettyman
Secretary