

COUNCIL MEETING

June 11, 2012

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council was held on the above date with Council members Dias, DeBenedictis, Lightcap, and Letterman present with Mayor Horn presiding. Recording Secretary Melissa Knight, Lieutenant Hutson, Town Solicitor Scott Chambers, Chris Letterman, Carol Cooper, Lisa Thomson, Drew Thomson, Wendy S. Meyers, Howard Blackstone and Jenn Dailey were also in attendance.

1. Approve Minutes:

Police Committee Meeting 05/07/12 – motion made by Mr. Dias seconded by Ms. DeBenedictis. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Committee Meeting 05/14/12 – motion made by Mr. Lightcap seconded by Mr. Dias. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Meeting 05/14/12 – motion made by Mr. Dias seconded by Mr. Lightcap. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report:

Moved by Mr. Lightcap and seconded by Mr. Dias to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Communications:

- Eastern Shore – Greenspring Expansion Project, New Castle & Kent Counties, Delaware. Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company recently filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulator Commission under Docket No. CP12-461-000 for permission to install approximately 11.0 miles of 16-inch and 10-inch natural gas pipeline in New Castle and Kent Counties, Delaware. The proposed pipeline is a looping of an existing ESNG pipeline to better facilitate transmission of natural gas. Copies of this filing have been placed in a local public library. (See attached document)
- Congratulations on the Town of Clayton 125th birthday from P. Brooks Banta.
- State of Delaware – Senate Tribute from Senator Bruce C. Ennis in honoring the Town of Clayton on the occasion of its 125th anniversary.
- State of Delaware – House of Representative Tribute from Representative S. Quinton Johnson, IV, Representative William J. Carson, Jr. and Representative Lincoln D. Willis.

4. Town Foreman:

- The Town Crew has started to cut grass in Huntington Mills – 1 lot was overlooked and this will be taken care of as soon as the crew has caught up. There are approximately 10 home in Town that are foreclosed and we have started to maintain those properties. Ms. DeBenedictis has called the prison to see if the prison work department can help in this area of maintaining these lots.

5. Inspections/Enforcement:

- 4 New Permits for Townhouses

6. Electric:

- Smooth

7. Street:

- Mr. Lightcap reported that he did hear one complaint about Railroad Days – The Liquor Store was blocked for customers. He did hear a lot of positive feedback about the festival.

8. Water/Sewer:

- Well #3 still down redeveloping and running test.

9. Equipment:

- Mr. Hurlock – to purchase lawn mower.

10. Personnel:

- Mr. Lightcap – Part-time hired and working well.

11. Police:

- Mr. Letterman – New officer hired and working well.

12. Budget:

- Mr. Letterman – On track.

13. DEMEC:

- Mayor Horn, Ms. DeBenedictis, Mr. Berghorn, and Ms. Muncey attended the ceremony at DEMEC for the Generation Station. The new station is to assist in reducing the electric rates.

14. Appoint Committees:

- Electric – Dias, DeBenedictis, Horn & Hurlock
- Street – Lightcap, Horn, Letterman & Hurlock
- Water & Sewer – Dias, DeBenedictis, Letterman & Hurlock
- Equipment – DeBenedictis, Horn, Lightcap & Hurlock
- Personnel – Lightcap, Dias & Horn
- Police – Letterman, Lightcap, Horn & Chief Hill
- DEMEC – DeBenedictis, Hurlock (alternate) & Muncey (minutes)
- Board of Adjustments, Planning & Zoning and Appeals Board - waiting to see if anyone from the public would like to serve on these committees. We will assign at next Council Meeting.

Moved by Mr. Letterman seconded by Mr. Dias to accept the appointment of Committee Members as stated. Motion carried unanimously.

15. New Business:

- Overview of 2011 Financials from Papaleo, Rosen & Chelf, P.A. – Mr. Letterman advised the public that a representative from the auditor’s office was to attend to give an overview of the audit to the public. Mr. Meany stated that he would be out of Town for this Council Meeting but another representative would be here. Mr. Letterman stated the auditor will reschedule at a later date to review their findings with the public.
- Resolution for Curtailment Service Provider – (See attached resolution)

Moved by Mr. Dias seconded by Mr. Letterman to accept the Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

- Memo of Understanding from Governor Markell regarding DEMEC – The Governor and DEMEC agree to reduce their retail electric rates by not less than an average of ten percent (10%). Town of Clayton has reduced 7% in retail electric rates. The primary purpose of such economic development rate shall be to incentivize job creation in the DEMEC municipalities by providing for a discounted electric rate. DEMEC Municipalities shall to the extent possible within the constraint of the needs of the municipalities to maintain efficient and reliable utilities and service, including coverage of capital costs and related debt service costs of providing those services, by appropriate action of its governing body, agree to maintain for a five year period commencing with their 2012 fiscal year a limit on the transfer of revenues from its electric utility into its general fund which limit shall for each municipality be equal to the actual dollar amount of such transfer in fiscal year 2012. For as long as the DEMEC municipalities are in compliance with paragraphs 1 through 3 of this MOU, the Governor will actively oppose any effort to interfere with the exclusive right of the DEMEC municipalities to provide electric power to all residential, commercial and industrial customers within their respective service territories. (See attached document)

Moved by Mr. Letterman seconded by Mr. Dias to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between the Honorable Jack Markell, Governor of Delaware. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Public Hearing:

- Mayor Horn – Thanked Scott Chambers for his participation and speech at the Memorial Day Parade for his service.
- Lisa Thomson – Thanked the Town Crew for all their work in getting the Town beautified for the Railroad Day Festival. She also thanked the Police Department for their participation.

17. Adjournment:

Moved by Mr. Letterman and seconded by Mr. Dias to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Recording Secretary,

Melissa J. Knight