

COUNCIL MEETING

September 10, 2012

The regular meeting of Vice Mayor and Council was held on the above date with Council members DeBenedictis, Lightcap, and Letterman present with Vice Mayor Dias presiding. Recording Secretary Melissa Knight, Chief Hill, Town Solicitor Kathryn, Town Foreman Jeff Hurlock, Garrison, Drew Thomson, Barbara Mensch, Colleen Skaggs, John Pridemore, Robbie Johnson, Terry and Brenda See, Al Hill, Howard Blackstone, Cathy Samardza, Hetti Brown and Jenn Dailey were also in attendance.

1. Approve Minutes:

Council Meeting 08/13/12 – motion made by Mr. Lightcap seconded by Mr. Letterman. Motion carried unanimously.

Street Committee Meeting 08/13/12 – motion made by Mrs. DeBenedictis seconded by Mr. Lightcap. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Committee Meeting 08/20/12 – motion made by Mrs. DeBenedictis seconded by Mr. Letterman. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing Meeting 08/22/12 – motion made by Mr. Lightcap seconded by Mr. Letterman. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report:

Moved by Mr. Letterman seconded by Mrs. DeBenedictis to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Communications:

- The Planning and Zoning Committee recommends that the Clayton Town Council repeal and re-adopt "Section 5.1-3 Amendments" of the Clayton Subdivision Ordinance. (See attached document)
- Byrd's A.M.E. Church of Clayton is inviting Mayor Horn to the church's 118th Anniversary on Saturday, November 10th.

4. Town Foreman:

- The Energy Conservation Grant that Christine Letterman applied for - the grant has been in the process for the past two (2) years has been completed. The following has been installed: the air conditioning, solar panels at the water treatment plant, lights on automatic switches, and lights were installed in the Town Hall.
- At the last Council Meeting a question was brought up in the Public Hearing regarding a price increase for additional recycle bins. Mr. Hurlock responded there is no additional charge from the garbage collector. Residents may call to request an additional recycle bin.

5. Electric:

- Mr. Hurlock spoke in regards to the recent electric outages. The outage last week was due to a blown fuse. The electric was out for about 1 ½ hours. The

outage today was due to DPL working at the substation. The electric was out for 5 minutes. The outage affected the entire town.

6. Streets:

- Mr. Hurlock met with the engineer about the bid for repaving the streets in town. Mr. Hurlock stated the target is the first week of October.

7. Water/Sewer:

- Repair of the water lines for blacktopping is going slower than expected. Highland Avenue is complete with the help of a contractor. Washington Avenue is 45% complete.

8. Equipment:

- Mrs. DeBenedictis – Waiting to receive a list of equipment from the Town Foreman.

9. Budget:

- Budget Meeting – September 17th at 6:30 p.m.

10. Planning & Zoning:

- Open House at the new Clayton Intermediate School is being held tonight. Mayor Horn, Town Foreman Hurlock, Councilman Letterman and Chief Hill were in attendance.
- Council will need to advertise for the Public Hearing regarding the communication letter from the Planning and Zoning Committee.
- Railroad Townhouses – the plans have gone to our engineer to ensure they are in line of our subdivision regulations. This could take up to a year.

11. Unfinished Business:

- Cat issues within the Town of Clayton – Mrs. DeBenedictis is trying to get a count on how many cats are around the town. There are a lot of residents that move out of the town that once owned cats but just leave the cats and they become feral cats. The feral cats do roam at night. We need to come to a solution on the cats. Ms. Brown is in attends to speak about domestic cats. She also brought information regarding the different programs that are available to residents. Some of the public spoke regarding the cats. One is allergic to cats and she cannot open her house due to the cats. Another resident spoke that she is deathly afraid of cats. Ms. Brown stated there are programs available to help these individuals. (See attached document)

12. New Business:

- Clayton Fire Company – State of Delaware Community Transportation Fund Grant - The grant was discussed at the August 13th Council Meeting. The grant is for repairs to the apron in front of the fire house. (See previous Council Meeting Minutes)

*A motion was made by Mrs. DeBenedictis, seconded by Mr. Lightcap.
Motion was carried unanimously.*

13. Public Hearing:

- Cathy Samardza introduced herself that she is running for the independent seat in the 15th District. She attended the Council Meeting to see what the Town of Clayton is going to do regarding the cats. She is a cat lover and very interested in the well-being of these animals.
- Mayor Horn – He attended the dedication for the Clayton Intermediate School. He was one of the Councilman that was on Council in 2004 and then it was approved in April 2006 for the school to be built on the property.

17. Adjournment:

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

Recording Secretary,

Melissa J. Knight