

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

**July 14, 2014**

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council was held on the above date with Council members Dias, DeBenedictis, Carrow and Letterman present with Mayor Horn presiding. Recording Secretary Melissa Knight, Town Foreman Hurlock, Sgt. Scott, Stephanie Dove, Victoria Sweetman, Lisa Wanamaker, and Jenn Daily were also in attendance.

### **1. Approve Minutes:**

*Council Meeting 06/09/14 – motion made by Mr. Carrow and seconded by Mr. Dias to approve the Council Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Budget Committee Meeting 06/11/14 – motion made by Ms. DeBenedictis and seconded by Mr. Dias to approve the Budget Committee Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Budget Committee Meeting 06/18/14 – motion made by Mr. Carrow and seconded by Ms. DeBenedictis to approve the Budget Committee Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **2. Treasurer's Report:**

*Motion made by Mr. Dias and seconded by Mr. Carrow to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.*

### **3. Chief of Police:**

- Sgt. Scott stated the stats have been given to the Mayor and Council.
- Mr. Carrow wanted to know if the police are still patrolling in Providence Crossing. Sgt. Scott said we are still patrolling. The speeding has slowed down. Officer Philip Bishop did about 6 hours in the development. Mr. Letterman stated the Chief said approximately 5 tickets were issued last week.

### **4. Town Solicitor:**

- Mr. Chambers informed the Mayor and Council that he would not be in attendance for the August 11<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

### **5. Electric:**

- Mr. Hurlock stated the crew will start this week installing the ground rods. Mr. Letterman asked what kind of security the Town has in place so the grounding rods aren't stolen again. Mr. Hurlock said that he is going to have the seasonal worker staple the grounding rod every 6".

### **6. Street:**

- Mr. Letterman stated in passing of the budget through the State Legislature, we were granted \$41,116.19 for the Municipal Street Aid to use at our discretion. Mr. Horn asked “Is this a typical amount?” Mr. Letterman replied, “\$100.00 more from last year.” The Town has a commitment made to have three (3) more streets paved either by fall or spring of next year depending on the weather. Mr. Carrow asked about Preston Lane if the curbing was fixed. Mr. Hurlock said the project is complete. Mr. Letterman said the road across from St. Joe’s, the townhomes, are in need of paving. This is an area to focus on repaving. Mr. Hurlock said the name of the street is Apricot Alley.

**7. Water/Sewer:**

- Mr. Hurlock said we are watching water usage. We are just at our peak and may start using water from Artesian.
- Mr. Hurlock stated he has some sewer/lift station repair on Dickerson Street. This will need to be replaced. The station has been in existence for approximately 35 years. Mr. Letterman asked, “Do we have a price on replacing?” Mr. Hurlock said this station services 20 homes. The mechanics are gone at the station.

**8. Equipment:**

- Ms. DeBenedictis stated the new Public Works truck is in service.

**9. Personnel:**

- Ms. DeBenedictis – The new seasonal personnel has started and is working out very well.

**10. Budget:**

- Mr. Letterman said the budget so far so good.
- Mr. Letterman stated there is a Budget Meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. with Scott Crawford. Ms. DeBenedictis asked if this meeting has been rescheduled with Mr. Crawford. Mr. Letterman said he will find out.

**11. DEMEC:**

- Ms. DeBenedictis - We have two visitors with us tonight from DEMEC, Stephanie Dove and Victoria Sweetman. They are here tonight to observe how the Town conducts business.
- DEMEC Meeting will be held 07/15/14.
- Ms. DeBenedictis attended a meeting in Milford and DEMEC was awarded the first rural economic development loan to offer no interest loans to be paid in 10 years for replacement of LED lights.
- Mr. Hurlock stated the Town signed a MOU with the governor. DEMEC asked us to respond to the inquiry. The Town of Clayton is still 2% and will need to reduce our rates in the future. If DEMEC doesn’t lower the rates then the Town will need to on their own.

**12. Board of Adjustments:**

- Mr. Hurlock - We do have one application pending. The Board of Adjustments will be holding a hearing for 200 Duck Creek Road for required yard setbacks. A gentleman is removing a doublewide and replacing with a modular unit. The meeting will be held July 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**13. Planning & Zoning:**

- Mr. Hurlock – No pending applications. The Town is reviewing the Comprehensive Plan.

**14. New Business:**

- Celia Dougherty – No show.
- 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Dog Ordinance – Ms. DeBenedictis read the new Dog Ordinance. (See attached)
- Sandy DeLane – Notified the Town that she would not be able to attend tonight’s meeting.
- 1<sup>st</sup> reading to confirm the Boundary Ordinance – Ms. DeBenedictis read the new Boundary Ordinance. (See attached)

**15. Adjournment:**

*Motion made by Mr. Carrow and seconded by Mr. Dias to adjourn.*

*Motion carried unanimously.*

Recording Secretary,

Melissa J. Knight