

Public Forum
March 9, 2015

Ms. DeLane – Asked what the council is going to do about dog waste. Neighbors are not cleaning it up in their yards. She had paperwork put in everyone's mailbox a couple of weeks ago. Mr. Dias asked if she went to her Homeowner's Association about this. She stated they know about it. Ms. DeLane complained about the house at 296 Tracer Drive. She also lodged a complaint about people not cleaning the snow off their sidewalks after 48 hours.

Public Forum was closed to open the Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

COUNCIL MEETING

March 9, 2015

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council was held on the above date with Council members Dias, Carrow and Letterman present with Mayor Horn presiding. Recording Secretary Sue Muncey, Town Foreman Hurlock, Scott Chambers, Ken Lebo, Ben Mace, and Sandra DeLane were also in attendance.

1. Approve Minutes:

Council Meeting 2/09/15 – motion made by Mr. Carrow and seconded by Mr. Dias to approve the Council Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report:

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

3. Communication:

- Mr. Carrow – Dover/Kent Country Metropolitan Planning Organization bi-monthly council meeting was March 4, 2015 at Camden Town Council Chambers.

4. Public Works:

- Town Foreman Hurlock – The Public Works department took a considerable amount of comp time during the snow storms to help the budget. Kudos to the guys. They worked a lot in the cold. We have a force main issue. It has been frozen for three (3) weeks. Having issues with the mains backing up. There are water main breaks in Clayton Courts. Code Red is working well. Signs to be put up in the developments for snow emergency routes. We are having a problem with snow blowers. Residents are blowing snow back out into the street after the snow plow has come through. We have to go back out to re-clean the streets. We need Council's help with this. Expect to see water leaks in the spring. No disconnects were done during the cold weather. Disconnects were not done until the temperature was 32 degrees. Mr. Letterman – Is snow removal separated in the budget? Mr. Hurlock – Extra overtime was put in the snow removal budget. We will have street issues. Mr. Letterman – Where are the water meters in Clayton Courts? Mr. Hurlock – Under the homes. They should be heat taped by the residents.

5. Street:

- Mr. Letterman – Great job with snow removal. There is an issue with the snow blowers. This needs to be addressed and fines need to be enforced. Maybe it could be put out on the Code Red alert. Mr. Carrow – this should be enforced.

6. Budget:

- Mr. Letterman said a meeting will be held in the near future to review the 2015 budget.

7. Planning & Zoning:

- Mayor Horn – Meeting will be held April 13, 2015 at 6:45 p.m. to discuss and adopt a Source Water Protection Plan.

8. New Business:

- Discussion on the formation of an Economic Development Committee. Mayor Horn would like to appoint the following to this committee: Councilman Carrow, Councilwoman DeBenedictis, Ed Ide, Eric Young, and Cory Thomas. Mr. Letterman – What is the mission or goal? Mr. Carrow – Open new businesses in town. We have vacant buildings in town. We would like to encourage people to come to the Town of Clayton. Mr. Letterman – Will we utilize the Chamber of Commerce? Mr. Carrow – That would be my recommendation. Also speak with other Towns. All were in agreement to form the committee.
- Payments for seniors that receive Social Security. Mayor Horn - Discussed setting up a program. Discussed the town setting up direct debit for utility payments. Mr. Letterman – This should go to the budget committee. This will be forwarded to the budget committee and invite the public for discussion.
- Clayton Historical Society – Application for Public Grant – Mr. Carrow was asking \$2500 but would be grateful for any donation.

Mr. Dias made a motion to make a donation to the Clayton Historical Society for \$2000 seconded by Mr. Letterman.

Mr. Letterman – Are you tax exempt? Mr. Carrow – Not at this time. Mr. Letterman – This should come through the police community fund. Mr. Chambers agreed. Until they become tax exempt this issue will continually come up.

Mr. Dias restated his motion. Made a motion to make a donation to the Clayton Historical Society for \$2000 oversights through the office and to go through the police community fund. Seconded by Mr. Letterman. Mr. Carrow did not vote.

- Smyrna/Clayton July 4th Association – Application for Public Grant.

Mr. Dias made a motion to make a donation to the Smyrna/Clayton July 4th Association for \$3000 seconded by Mr. Letterman. Mr. Carrow did not vote.

- Pratt Insurance – Ken Lebo spoke regarding the 2015-2016 insurance policy. We are below last year's cost. We are \$11,000 +/- below budget. See attached handout. Mr. Letterman asked about buildings used by the Lions Club. Should they have insurance? Are we liable giving them space? Mr. Chambers stated we could discuss this outside of the council meeting. We could take care of this without involving Mr. Lebo.

9. Adjournment:

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

Recording Secretary,

Sue Muncey