

MINUTES of the REGULAR
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
32 WEST AVENUE
ZOOM ONLY BROADCAST
January 11, 2022 @ 7:00PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Reddington called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Present: Council Members Frank Twardzik, Don Walsh, Tom Maly, and Bruce White. Town Manager Carol Houck, Police Chief Ken McLaughlin, Finance Director Dawn Parks, Planning, Zoning & Development Director Ken Cimino, Town Solicitor Dennis Schrader, and Town Clerk Donna Schwartz were also present. Russ Carter was present to video the meeting.

2. ADOPTION of Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member Maly, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

3. APPROVAL of the Town Council Minutes

A motion was made by Council Member White, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 14, 2021. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

4. COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

5. REPORTS

- A. Financial (Dawn Parks)**
Report received and filed.
- B. Public Safety (Chief McLaughlin)**
Report received and filed.
- C. Planning, Zoning and Development (Ken Cimino)**
Report received and filed.
- D. Town Manager (Carol Houck)**
Report received and filed.
- E. MVFC Report**
Report received and filed.

6. CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Introduction of Ordinance(s) - None**
- B. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on Recommendation to Hire UD Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research (CADSR) to Assist with Redistricting of Council Districts in association with the 2020 Census.**
Mrs. Houck noted that it is a requirement of the Town Charter that redistricting take place after each census. She said she is looking to engage the UD Center for Applied

Demography and Survey Research (CADSR) for \$4,429 to redraw, if necessary, the Council district map for election purposes. The time range is from February 1 to August 31, 2022. Mrs. Houck said a working committee would be set up to work with CADSR consisting of the Town Manager Carol Houck, Town Clerk Donna Schwartz, Finance Director Dawn Parks, and former Council Member Bill Olsen. Council Member Twardzik volunteered to be on the working committee which the Council agreed.

A motion was made by Council Member Maly, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to approve the spending of \$4429 for CADSR to review and redraw the Town Council district maps if needed and the working committee. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

C. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on Regarding Direction for FY23 Budget Discussion.

Mrs. Houck looking for guidance, questioned Town Council Members whether the following budget items should be continued or not:

- One percent Discount on real estate property tax – continue.
- No reliance on transfer tax – continue.
- Health, dental and vision benefits – continue.
- Wage increases – CPI Mid-Atlantic not ready yet; bring back in February.
- Annual buyback of sick/medical leave – continue.
- Community events – continue.
- Order two police vehicles in advance – yes, agree; bring back in February.
- Ten percent Contingency – continue.
- Water Budget – 5 Year agreement, continue.

D. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on Changing the Time of the Town Council Meetings.

Mrs. Houck reported that only five responses were received regarding changing the time of the council meetings. She did not feel this was enough of a sampling to make a decision. Therefore, Town Council decided to keep the meetings at 7:00pm for the time being until a broader sampling could take place.

9. CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE

Dick Jennison, Ogre Drive, stated he would like something done about the speeding on Ogre Drive. Chief McLaughlin said he shares Mr. Jennison's frustrations, and he would check the stats on the traffic monitor to see if, or what, he can do to help the situation.

Elaine Cirzaky, Ogre Drive, complained about the confusion created by the Coastal Point article about changing the time of the Town Council meetings. She also indicated that she has difficulty hearing what is being said during the YouTube meetings and asked if the meetings could be all ZOOM in the future.

Randy Conlon, Velta Drive, stated that his neighbor needed the street plowed in front of her house. He said she is in the Town and the plows stopped short of clearing the snow based on

the sign in her yard. Ken Cimino said they could consider moving the sign so she would be plowed in the future.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Maly, seconded by Council Member Walsh, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna M. Schwartz, CMC, Town Clerk