

**MINUTES of the REGULAR
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
32 WEST AVENUE
November 12, 2024 @ 3:00PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Reddington called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Present: Council Members Jay Tyminski, Don Walsh, Colleen Twardzik, and Steve Cobb. Town Manager Carol Houck, Finance Director Dawn Parks, Police Chief Ken McLaughlin, Planning, Zoning & Development Director Ken Cimino. Town Solicitor Veronica Faust, and Town Clerk Donna Schwartz were also present.

2. PUBLIC HEARING

Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on an Ordinance to Prohibit Smoking in any Public Park in the Town of Ocean View. Chief McLaughlin explained the reasoning behind the ordinance. He said he gets complaints all the time and has no authority to do anything. During discussion it was decided that this ordinance is being amended to include designated smoking areas. There was no public comment at this time.

3. ADOPTION of Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member Tyminski, seconded by Council Member Walsh, to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously 5/0.

4. APPROVAL of the Town Council Minutes

- A. *A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Tyminski, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 8, 2024. The motion passed unanimously 5/0.*

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS – None

- A. Mayor Reddington read the Proclamation for Extra Mile Day which this year recognizes the CERT Team of Ocean View. Following the Mayor's words, CERT leader Ed Donnelly spoke to the Council. The mayor announced the names of the members who all received a certificate for their participation.

6. 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. Public Works

Report received and filed.

F. MVFC Report (Mayor Reddington)

Report received and filed.

7. CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE ON AGENDA ITEMS –

Ms. Kitty Rehrig, Wade-Winn, spoke on the smoking ordinance, she asked that they remove designated smoking areas from the ordinance.

8. NEW BUSINESS -

A. Introduction of Ordinance(s) – None

B. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on a Resolution Establishing a Fee Schedule for the Town of Ocean View.

A motion was made by Council Member Tyminski, seconded by Council Member Walsh, to approve the increase in Gross Rental Receipts Tax to 6%. The motion passed unanimously 5/0.

C. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on a Recommendation to Initiate Long Range Financial Planning and Forecasting, PFM Financial Advisor.

Mrs. Houck explained the recommendation to Council. Citing the cost to the Town would be \$30,000.

A motion was made by Council Member Cobb, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to approve the recommendation and hire PFM Financial Advisor. The motion passed unanimously 5/0.

D. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on a Recommendation to make Necessary Repairs to the Shower Stalls at 201 Central Avenue.

Mrs. Houck explained the problem with the shower stalls to the Council and recommended Coastal Bath, Inc for \$12,000, to repair the stalls.

A motion was made by Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously 5/0.

E. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on a Recommendation Regarding State of Delaware Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Requirement – Opt out of the State of Delaware PFML and Implement Guardian Plan.

Mrs. Houck explained the program to Council and why she feels that the Town should opt-out of the State plan. She noted that the savings would be \$2,569 using the Guardian plan.

A motion was made by Council Member Tyminski, seconded by Council Member Walsh to approve the recommendation to opt-out of the State plan and use the Guardian plan. The motion passed unanimously 5/0.

9. **CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE** – Mayor Reddington reopened discussion on the smoking ordinance. It was discussed that there were some issues with private property within the 25foot zone around the park; therefore, it was decided to include language in the ordinance that took that issue into consideration. The new text will read the following way: Smoking is prohibited at, and within a 25-foot radius of the perimeter of any public park within the Town of Ocean View; except for private property or any posted designated smoking area. The Council Members agreed with the new sentence.

There were no comments from the public.

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Twardzik to leave the regular meeting and open Executive Session at 4:21pm. The motion was carried unanimously 5/0.

A motion was made by Council Member Cobb, seconded by Council Member Tyminski, to close the Executive Session at 4:46pm. The motion was carried unanimously 5/0.

Town Solicitor Faust reported that no decisions or votes were made in the Executive Session.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Tyminski, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to adjourn the meeting at 4:47pm. The motion was carried unanimously 5/0.

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