MINUTES of the REGULAR
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
32 WEST AVENUE
YOUTUBE BROADCAST
December 14, 2021 @ 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 Walsh, 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 Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Walsh, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 9, 2021. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Mr. Fred Pearson, of Pearson Appraisal, LLC, was present to speak with Council about the 2021 reappraisal of the Town. He stated he has been doing appraisal work for over 35 years. The process was a visual inspection of each property in Ocean View. Mr. Pearson estimates property values have increase 25% over the last reassessment in 2017. He said they will be mailing notices and setting up appeals, in person, by phone, or by email in the month of January. The property record cards will be online for property owners to access and look up their new assessment. Mr. Pearson expects all appeals to be taken care of by January 31, 2022.

Mayor Reddington asked Mr. Pearson if he had any problems with the appraisal work. Mr. Pearson replied, only occasionally, however, he met some genuinely nice people. Council Member White questioned what language would be used in the letter. Mr. Pearson replied leveling in nature. He feels the assessments are fair and equitable. Mr. White also questioned the length of time to mail the notice. He wanted to know if more time could be given to the property owner to appeal. Mrs. Parks said the property owners will have until the end of February to appeal according to the Town Charter. Any appeals will be heard in March.

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.

Some discussion took place regarding changing the time of the meeting from 7:00pm to 3:00pm. It was decided that the January meeting would remain at the regular time and input would be asked of the property owners as to their preference. Comments can be made at comment@oceanviewde.gov .

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 approve Project No. OVPZ&D 22-09 West Avenue Streetscape. (Cimino)

Mr. Cimino revealed there were five bids received for the West Avenue Streetscape Plan 22-09, and Mumford and Miller were the bid winner at $664,672.70. Mayor Reddington asked if the costs would vary from the bid. Mr. Cimino explained the costs are locked in. If more material is needed, then there would be a change order created.

A motion was made by Council Member Maly, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to award the bid to Mumford and Miller. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

C. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on Recommendation to Construct a Secured Vehicle Impound Area/Cement Pad for Evidence Storage. (Houck)

Chief McLaughlin explained the need for the two items, stating there is no more space left for large evidence, found property etc. He also needs fence to secure an area for the storage of impounded cars. The new shed will be a twin to the existing shed. Chief McLaughlin stated he has grant of $8000 for the shed and an estimate of $2,500 for the concrete pad. Council Member White questioned if guns or drugs will be stored in the shed. Chief McLaughlin replied, no. Council Member Walsh complimented Chief McLaughlin on the grants he finds for the Town.

A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Walsh, to approve the purchase of the fence and concrete pad for a shed. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

9. CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Reddington wished everyone Happy Holidays and adjourned the meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

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