

**MINUTES of the REGULAR
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
32 WEST AVENUE**

Reorganization April 23, 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 Colleen Twardzik, Jay Tyminski, Don Walsh, and Steve Cobb. Town Manager Carol Houck, Police Chief Ken McLaughlin, Finance Director Dawn Parks, Planning, Zoning & Development Director Ken Cimino, Town Solicitor Veronica Faust, and Town Clerk Donna Schwartz were also present.

2. ADOPTION of Agenda

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

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - none

4. RESULTS OF THE ELECTION AND SWEARING IN OF DONALD WALSH.

Ms. Faust read the oath of office to Council Member Walsh and swore him in for another three-year term.

5. ELECT MAYOR PRO-TEM

A motion was made by Council Member Cobb, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to approve Council Member Walsh as Mayor Pro-tem. The motion was carried unanimously 5/0.

6. CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on the Yearly Meeting Calendar.

A change was made to the month of September, from the 17th to the 12th.

A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Walsh, to approve the calendar with the September change. The motion was carried unanimously 5/0.

B. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on the reappointment of John Planchart to the Board of Adjustment expiring in May 2027.

A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Tyminski, to approve John Planchart. The motion was carried unanimously 5/0.

C. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on the reappointment of Mark Nicholson to the Planning and Zoning Commission for another term.

A motion was made by Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Tyminski, to approve Mark Nicholson to May 2029. The motion was carried unanimously 5/0.

- D. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on the reappointment of Ed Donnelly, Kitty Rehrig, and Bill Olsen to the Board of Assessment for another term ending in 2025.

A motion was made by Council Member Cobb, seconded by Council Member Walsh to approve the appointments of Ed Donnelly, Kitty Rehrig, and Bill Olsen for another term ending in 2025. The motion was carried unanimously 5/0.

- E. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on the reappointment of Caryn Cleveland-Short, Richard Birkmeyer, and Marilyn Sheetz to the Board of Elections for another term ending in May 2027.

A motion was made by Council Member Tyminski, seconded by Council Member Walsh to approve the appointments of Caryn Cleveland-Short, Richard Birkmeyer, and Marilyn Sheetz to May 2027.

- F. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on Insurance Renewal – Sole source Notification of change in Broker, Strategic Insurance Partners/DeLea Founders Insurance Trust Propriety Group Property and Casualty Insurance Program exclusive to Delaware Municipalities Effective May 7, 2024.

Mrs. Houck explained to the Council about the change in brokers and the savings of \$38,000. Council Member Cobb asked if there was any knowledge of premium increases for SIP. Mrs. Houck stated she did not have that information, but could possibility get it. She said the increase this year for Lyons Insurance was \$23,000.

A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Walsh to approve the change in broker to SIP. The motion was carried unanimously 5/0.

- G. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on Upcoming Events – Beer Garden Activity at John West Park, request the support of Town Council.

Mrs. Houck explained to the Council her plan for the upcoming events to host a beer garden and the Town Council gave their support. No vote was taken. Attorney Faust questioned whether she had a license to hold the beer garden in the park. Mrs. Houck replied to her it would be taken care of by the Chamber and the Ocean View Brewery.

8. **CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE** – None

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to adjourn the meeting at 3:26pm. The motion was carried unanimously 5/0.

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