

MINUTES of the REGULAR
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
32 WEST AVENUE
October 14, 2025 @ 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, Town Manager Carol Houck, Finance Director Dawn Parks, Police Chief Ken McLaughlin, Planning, Zoning & Development Director Ken Cimino, Public Works Facility Manager Matthew Martin, Town Solicitor Veronica Faust, and Town Clerk Donna Schwartz. Council Member Cobb was not present.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Sections 140-26, 140-128, and 140-152, of the Ocean View Land Use and Development Code by defining various Permitted Types of Fast-Food Restaurants, adding them to the Table of Permitted Uses as Special Exceptions in Certain Zoning Districts, adding Development Standards for each, and amending Section 140-121 to add Surgical Centers for renumbering purposes only.**

Ms. Faust explained the need for the ordinance to Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Tyminski, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to approve a second reading of 2A. The motion carried unanimously 4/0.

- B. Second Reading of an Ordinance amending Section 140-59-E(1) of the Ocean View Land Use and Development Code by adding Fast-Food Restaurants. Fast-Food Restaurants with Drive Through, Fast-Food Restaurants with Drive-in, as uses to the required Off-Street Parking Spaces Chart, revising the number of Off-Street Parking Spaces Chart required for Restaurants and Establishing the number of Off-Street Parking Spaces required for the aforementioned types of Fast-Food Restaurants.**

Ms. Faust explained the need for the ordinance to Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Tyminski, seconded by Council Member Walsh, to approve a second reading of 2B. The motion carried unanimously 4/0.

- C. Second Reading of an Ordinance amending Section 140-65 of the Ocean View Land Use and Development Code by adding additional types of pf signs associated with Fast-Food Restaurant with Drive-in to the signs permitted in GB-1 and GB-2 zones.**

Ms. Faust explained the need for the ordinance to Council,

A motion was made by Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Tyminski, to approve a second reading of 2C. The motion carried unanimously 4/0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Pamela Scott, of Saul Ewing, thanked Council for allowing her to speak. She said she was in support of the three ordinances and thanked staff for their help with this matter.

3. ADOPTION of Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Tyminski, to adopt the agenda as changed. The motion passed unanimously 4/0.

4. APPROVAL of the Town Council Minutes

A. A motion was made by Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Tyminski, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 9, 2025. The motion passed unanimously 4/0.

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A.** Mayor Reddington noted the upcoming workshop schedule for Council.
- B.** Assawoman Canal Trail update.
- C.** Announcement of Governor Meyer's appointment of John Reddington to Police Officer Standards and Training Commission.

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 (Martin)**
Report received and filed.
- F. MVFC Report (Mayor Reddington)**
Report received and filed.

7. CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE ON AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Cheryl Suskin, Rehoboth, spoke about responsibilities the Council has added to the new ordinance. She said to separate the repeal from the new ordinance. They should repeal Ordinance 405.

Ms. Sandy Roberts, South Bethany, protesting with wallets. She wants to protest with her wallet. Financial repercussions.

Ms. Ann Theriault, Ogre Drive, stated she doesn't see the need for an ordinance like this. She said response is spontaneous, the ordinance restricts this.

Ms. Doris Pearce, Ocean View, she feels the ordinance suppresses free speech.

Mr. Don Cervallini, Ocean View, stated that the ordinance makes it difficult to have peaceful protests. He said the ordinance should be rethought.

Mr. Justin Cuccia, Bethany Beach, thanked Council for considering a new ordinance.

Ms. Pam Pederson, Frankford, doesn't understand the need for the ordinance.

Ms. Barbara Katz, Bethany Beach, said the new ordinance still has problems, and it needs to be re-examined.

Ms. Linda Templica, Oakmont Avenue, said she was a teacher at Lord Baltimore for 32 years and the students need to be taught the constitution.

Ms. Samantha Gracie, Rehoboth, said this ordinance was an assault on free speech. She doesn't think she should be held responsible if she gets the permit.

Ms. Marcia Dudley, Summerville Court, suggested they discontinue ordinance, it is against free speech and freedom of assembly.

Ms. Teresa Mulligan, Ocean View, thought an ordinance was introduced to repeal. Ms. Houck explained what happened to her.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Introduction of Ordinance(s)

An Ordinance to Repeal Existing Chapter 77 and to Establish Guidelines and Permitting Process for Community Activities in Town Parks and on Town-Owned Property by Adopting a New Chapter 77, Titles Community Activities.

This ordinance was introduced by Council Member Walsh.

B. Veronica Faust, Town Solicitor, thanked the Council and Staff for allowing her to work for the Town for the last three years. Her last day is October 31st.

C. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on a recommendation for Hiring of Connolly Gallagher to fill Town Solicitor Role. (Houck)

Town Manager Carol Houck explained the recommendation to the Council Members.

A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Tyminski, to approve Connolly Gallagher as new Town Solicitors beginning 11/1/2025. The motion passed unanimously 4/0.

D. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on a recommendation to Approve Eastgate Blvd Pipe Replacement at the Deep Hole Prong #4. (Cimino)

Mr. Ken Cimino, PZ & D Director, explained the recommendation to the Council. He said that Richard E. Pierson was the low bidder at \$212,750.

A motion was made by Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to approve the recommendation of Richard E. Pierce. The motion carried unanimously 4/0.

E. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on a recommendation to Bring Facility Cleaning In-House. (Houck)

Carol Houck explained the need for in-house cleaning by Public Works. She stated that they will hire a part-time worker.

A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Walsh to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously 4/0.

10. CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE - None

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION - none

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to adjourn the meeting at 4:15pm. The motion was carried unanimously 4/0.

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