TOWN OF OCEAN VIEW
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP
YOU TUBE BROADCAST
October 12, 2021 @ 6:00PM

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

   Mayor Reddington called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Members Bruce White, Don Walsh, Tom Maly and Frank Twardzik were present. Town Manager Carol Houck, Finance Director Dawn Parks, Planning, Zoning and Development Director Ken Cimino, Police Chief Ken McLaughlin, Town Solicitor Dennis Schrader, and Town Clerk Donna Schwartz were also present. The meeting was held at 32 West Avenue.

2. **ADOPTION of AGENDA**

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

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

   Discussion of ARPA Funds.

   Town Manager Carol Houck lead the discussion, saying that the Town of Ocean View would receive a total of $1,182,341 in ARPA funds over two installments. She noted that we have received the first installment of funds. She stated there are a still a lot of unknowns and we must be careful when spending the money on community needs. Mrs. Houck recommended that the Town sign up for the legal assistance pool offered by the State of Delaware, which has been set up for the towns in the state and costs $4782 to join. This money would be withdrawn from the second installment of funds the Town receives next year.

   Mrs. Houck drafted a document describing the ways she felt the money could be used. She noted that not all of her ideas were ready for implementation. The first item she mentioned was Street Scaping, or complete streets which she applied $900,000 of the funds toward. The second item she listed was Internet competition for a total of $100,000 to improve service in the Town. The third item, a Façade Improvement Loan program for the business in the Town. A total of $50,000 would be used for revolving loans as economic improvement incentive. Item four, lost revenue or building funds category, she recommended giving Millville Volunteer Fire Company $100,000 toward their expansion. The last category, a contingency funding item consisted of $32,341 to cover miscellaneous/unknown expenses associated with use of the ARPA funds. Mrs. Houck noted that the selected ideas would be submitted to the legal group for review before any money is spent.

4. **OPEN DISCUSSION**

   Town Solicitor Dennis Schrader commented that joining the legal group was a good move and money well spent. Council Member Twardzik questioned how much we are on the "hook" for with this money. Mrs. Houck replied that there was no "hook," however, we must use the funds for qualified uses. Council Member White asked when the deadline was to use these funds. Mrs. Houck replied 2024.

   Mayor Reddington questioned if the funds could be used for drainage issues. Mrs. Houck stated this is an item the funds could be used for. Council Member Maly commented on an

article he read concerning Internet providers. He noted that Mediacom was 20th out of 26 providers and Comcast was 11th on the list. Mayor Reddington questioned the use of the façade money. Mrs. Houck noted that it would be an interest free loan program to be used on the store front only, not a parking lot. Council Member White commented that there would be a lot more administration and bureaucracy, which could require additional staff. Council Member Twardzik asked if additional help could be paid out of these funds. Mr. Schrader stated no, he didn't believe so.

Council Member Walsh suggested doing the projects one at a time. Mrs. Houck noted that she was told by Greg Hocker, President of the MVFC, that the Town of Millville was planning on donating $100,000 toward their building fund. Council Member Maly stated he was surprised that the fire company building did not have a sprinkler system. He said he felt we should act on this item first.

5. **CITIZENS' PRIVILEGE**
   none

6. **ADJOURNMENT**
   A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Maly, to adjourn the meeting at 6:56pm. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna M. Schwartz, CMC
Town Clerk