MINUTES of the REGULAR
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
32 WEST AVENUE
September 13, 2022 @ 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, Don Walsh, Tom Maly, 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. Russ Carter was present to videotape the meeting for YouTube.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING**

A. Second Reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 13, Article II, of the Ocean View Code relating to the description of Election Voting Districts within the boundaries of the Town of Ocean View.

There were no comments from Council or the public.

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

3. **ADOPTION of Agenda**

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

4. **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 July 12, 2022. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

A motion was made by Council Member Maly, seconded by Council Member Cobb, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of June 14, 2022. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Audit Results for FY2022 by PKS

Ms. Ashley Stern, PKS, introduced herself and spoke to Council about the audit results for FY2022.She stated that they scored the audit "unmodified," which is the highest level of opinion CPA's can give. Ms. Stern also noted that they did not identify any material weakness in internal control over financial reporting, or any instances of noncompliance. The net position of the Town had an overall increase in assets and increase in revenues. The Town has consistently fully funded the required contribution for the retirement plans.

Council Member Maly offered kudos to the Finance Department for a job well done. Mrs. Houck noted that this is the second year for an "unmodified" audit. Council Member Cobb also offered congratulations to the staff.

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

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. MVFC Report – report received and filed.

7. CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE ON AGENDA ITEMS

Richard Moore, William Avenue, spoke highly of Chief McLaughlin and thanked Council Member Cobb for his assistance with his Sussex County tax bill.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Introduction of Ordinance(s)

B. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on a recommendation to enter an agreement with Indian River School District and to hire an additional police officer.

Mrs. Houck explained the School Resource Officer recommendation. Mayor Reddington questioned when the Indian River School District would vote on the agreement. Mrs. Houck replied September 26, 2022, at 6:00pm. Council Member Cobb stated the increased presence of a full-time police officer is a good thing for all. Chief McLaughlin noted that he needed an answer for a replacement officer he has lined up by September 26, 2022, so he can enroll him in the next academy in October.

A motion was made by Council Member Cobb, seconded by Council Member Maly, to approve the agreement with IRSD. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

A motion was made by Council Member Cobb, seconded by Council Member Walsh, to approve the hiring of a new officer. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

C. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on a proclamation for the Dunes Pink Classic.

A motion was made by Council Member Maly, seconded by Council Member Walsh, to approve the Dunes Pink Classic Proclamation. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

9. **CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE**

None

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Maly, to adjourn the meeting at 4:16pm. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

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