# MINUTES of the REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 32 WEST AVENUE July 9, 2024 @ 3:00PM

# 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Reddington called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with the **Pledge of Allegiance**. <u>Present:</u> Council Members Colleen Twardzik, Jay Tyminski, Don Walsh, and Steve Cobb. Town Manager Carol Houck, Finance Director Dawn Parks, Police Chief Ken McLaughlin, Planning, Zoning & Development Director Ken Cimino, Public Works Director Larry Zuchelli, Town Solicitor Veronica Faust, and Town Clerk Donna Schwartz were also present.

# 2. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on an Ordinance to Restate the FY24 Annual Operating Budget.

Mayor Reddington read a statement to explain the two ordinances and the purpose of the need for them. There was no discussion or comments made regarding this item by the Council or the public.

A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Walsh to approve the restate of the FY24 Annual Operating Budget. The motion was carried unanimously 5/0.

B. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on an Ordinance to Restate the FY24-28 Capital Improvement Budget.

There was no discussion or comments made regarding this item by the Council or the public.

A motion was made by Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to approve the Restate of the FY24-28 Capital Budget. The motion was carried unanimously 5/0.

# 3. ADOPTION of Agenda

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

#### 4. APPROVAL of the Town Council Minutes

- A. A motion was made by Council Member Tyminski, seconded by Council Member Cobb, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 11, 2024. The motion was carried unanimously 5/0.
- B. A motion was made by Council Member Tyminski, seconded by Council Member Walsh to approve the minutes of the workshop minutes of June 25, 2024. The motion was carried unanimously 5/0.

#### 5. COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **A.** Mayor Reddington introduced a letter from Miken Builders. Mr. Sean Cummings, of Miken Builders, spoke to the Council about their request to have a property in town rezoned from R-1 to R-2 to build a duplex on a property on Windmill Drive.
- **B.** Mayor Reddington accepted the Millville Volunteer Fire Department Financial Report for 2022-2023. Mayor Reddington questioned the difference between a review and an audit.

# 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 (Larry Zuchelli)

Report received and filed.

F. MVFC Report (Mayor Reddington)

Report received and filed.

Council Member Cobb made mention of the loss to the community with the passing of Vicki York this past week.

# 7. CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

# 8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Introduction of Ordinance(s) None
- B. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on a Resolution to Sell the Town of Ocean View Water Distribution System to Tidewater Utilities.

Town Manager Houck explained the reason for the resolution and detailed the many months of negotiations with Tidewater Utilities. She noted that two representatives were present at the meeting. Ms. Faust also commented on the resolution noting that it needed PSC and USDA approval before it would be final. Council Member Tyminski questioned the time frame for those approvals. Ms. Houck stated that she thought they had like 30 days to respond.

A motion was made by Council Member Tyminski, seconded by Council Member Cobb to approve the sale of water system Tidewater Utilities, and adopt the resolution of the sale. The motion was carried unanimously 5/0.

# C. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on Hiring of Special Counsel to Represent the Board of Adjustment Verizon Tower Application.

Town Manager Houck briefly explained the reasoning behind the need to hire a special counsel. No comments were made by the Council Members.

A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Walsh to approve the hiring of a special counsel for the Board of Adjustment. The motion was carried unanimously 5/0.

# 9. CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE -

Mr. Randy Robust, Winchester Drive, questioned the cost of water for empty lots would change with the sale to Tidewater Utilities. He also asked about the cell tower and where it was going.

# 10. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

# **11. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik seconded by Council Member Tyminski, to adjourn the meeting at 3:48pm. The motion was carried unanimously 5/0.

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