MINUTES of the REGULAR
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
32 WEST AVENUE
July 14, 2026 @ 3:00PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   Mayor Maly called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with the **Pledge of Allegiance.**
   Present: Council Members Jay Tyminski, Colleen Twardzik, John Planchart, and Don Walsh., 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 Tanner Jameson was on Zoom, and Town Clerk Donna Schwartz were present.

2. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**
   A. **First Reading (and only Reading) of an Ordinance to Amend and Restate the Town of Ocean View Annual Operating and Capital Budgets for Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2026.**
   Mayor Maly read an overview of the ordinance; Ms. Parks explained the need to adjust the FY26 operating and capital budget.
   PUBLIC COMMENT: none
   PUBLIC CLOSED.
   A motion was made by Council Member Planchart, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to approve the ordinance as presented. All voted in favor. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

   B. **Second Reading of an Ordinance Authoring the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026, to provide Funds for and toward the Completion of Capital Improvements Projects and Related Expenses.**
   Town Manager Houck explained the ordinance, adding that her power point on the subject was available in the Council packets. Mr. Jamie Schlesinger, of PFM, was present to answer any questions.
   PUBLIC COMMENTS: none
   PUBLIC CLOSED.
   A motion was made by Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to approve the ordinance to issue General Obligation Bonds. All voted in favor, the motion passed unanimously 5/0.

3. **ADOPTION of Agenda**
   A motion was made by Council Member Tyminski, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion passed 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 June 9, 2026. The motion passed unanimously 5/0.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**
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 Maly)**
     Report received and filed.

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 Propose that the Town of Ocean View Adopt the Sussex County, Delaware, Property Assessments Data Effective May 1,2027, for the Town of Ocean View FY2028 Property Tax Billing.**
     Mrs. Houck read an overview to explain the process and noted that this method will cost the Town nothing.
     A motion was made by Council Member Tyminski, seconded by Council Member Planchart, to approve the recommendation to use Sussex County Property Assessment Data for tax billing FY27 tax billing. All voted in favor, the motion passed 5/0.

   - **C. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Voting on a Recommendation for Approval of OVPZ&D 26-07 Berzins Nature Park and Trail.**
     Mr. Cimino explained the recommendation to award Mumford and Miller, Inc, the job worth $787,480.05.
     A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Tyminski to approve the recommendation. All voted in favor, the motion passed unanimously 5/0.

   - **D. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Voting on a Recommendation to Direct Increased Earned Interest to the Completion of the Berzins Nature Park Project.**
     Mrs. Houck explained her recommendation to Council saying that she advises transferring $96,631.14 to the Berzins Nature Park project.

A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Tyminski, to approve the recommendation to move the$96,631.14. All voted in favor, the motion passed unanimously 5/0.

E. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Voting on a Recommendation for Proactive Ocean View Police Department Succession Planning Support for FY2027 and FY2028-FY2030 Officer Recruitment and/or Associated COPS Grant Application.
Chief McLaughlin explained the recommendation to Council saying it is expensive to hire new recruits. He would like to apply for some grants in advance to help the Town finance the new hires.
A motion was made by Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to approve the recommendation for funding the recruiting of new officers. All voted in favor, the motion carried unanimously 5/0.

9 CITIZEN'S PRIVILEDGE - none

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION - none

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

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