

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
DAGSBORO TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN HALL – 33134 MAIN STREET
TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

The special meeting of the Town Council was called to order at 5 p.m. by Patti Adams, Mayor. Those in attendance were Mayor Adams, Stacey Long, Town Administrator; Vice Mayor Truitt, Councilwoman Flowers, Councilman Hansken and Sgt. Litten of Dagsboro PD.

New Business:

1. Discussion and vote on recommended preferred alternative for US 113 North/South Study, Millsboro-South Area : The comments of Councilman Connor were read into the record as he was unable to attend. Councilman Connor had been on the original committee that reviewed the project back in 2000-2001 and at that time the town was in favor of the on-alignment option which runs along Rt. 113 with no by-passes. Due to the large amount of farm land that would be compromised with the proposed Blue Route option, the town's position and recommendation at this time is the same as in 2000-2001, to endorse the on-alignment option and oppose the Blue Route. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Truitt and seconded by Councilman Hansken for the Town to endorse the on alignment option and oppose the Blue Route.
2. Consideration of purchasing new police vehicle(s) Sgt. Litten presented information for the purchase of 2 police vehicles for \$77,000.00 either through 4 or 5 years at 5% financing with Ford Motor Credit Corporation and purchasing the vehicles from Hertrich in Seaford. 1 vehicle would be Explorer type for the K9 officer and dog, this vehicle would be marked and the other vehicle would be an unmarked vehicle which is the Chief's personal preference. Communications equipment would be retained and transferred from the vehicles we have now. The funding to help purchase the vehicles would come from the County Revenue Sharing Grant. The FY 2014 Budget that was adopted allocated this money toward salaries but an unexpected amount of Property Transfer Tax revenue came in to the town for the month of June and that money is not allocated in the budget so that it could be used for this as well. Due to the limited time available to continue this discussion it was agreed to continue this matter at the regular council meeting on Monday the 23rd.

Other:

Sgt. Litten also mentioned the possibility of 24 hour coverage for the town in the not too distant future, when Chief Toomey returns and with the hire of a new officer we would have approximately 19 hours of coverage available out of 24. Sgt. Litten inquired about hiring a 5th officer. Ofc. Kurten would be a good candidate for several reasons, being he is already familiar with the Town. The town

would not need to provide insurance as his wife has full family coverage at her job. Ofc. Kurten has already shown he is an asset to the town through his efforts as a part-time officer and has expressed an interest in being a full-time employee of the town should the opportunity arise. This matter will receive more attention at the council meeting on Monday.

Vice-Mayor Truitt mentioned that the Indian River Alumni Association wants to place a sign in front of the new Indian River High School. The school is in a residential district and the sign restrictions in that area are approximately 3x5 and the proposed sign would probably be in the 5x10 range. Due to the residential and close proximity of homes to the sign location it will be necessary to speak with the local residents and get feedback. There is also the issue of LED lights for the sign versus a more traditional sign with back light. Ruth Ann Marvel of the IRAA will be at the council meeting on Monday to make a presentation for the proposed sign so this will be addressed formally at that time.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Truitt to adjourn at 5:30 p.m. and was seconded by Councilman Hansken. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Duane Kenton

Town Clerk