

Minutes
DAGSBORO TOWN COUNCIL
Bethel Center
Monday, July 18, 2022

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Baull at 6:01 p.m.

In attendance were: Mayor Brian Baull, Vice-Mayor Theresa Ulrich, Councilman William Chandler, Councilman Norwood Truitt, Town Administrator Cynthia Brought, and Town Solicitor Greg Morris. Councilman William Labor was not present. See sign in sheet for others in attendance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 20, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2022 Executive Minutes

Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Truitt seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 with Councilman Labor being absent.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Police Department Report

Chief Flood stated that there were more administrative hours than normal, but that was due to the hiring process and grants.

- b. Treasurer's Report
- c. Administrative Report
- d. Building Official Report
- e. Code Enforcement Report
- f. Meeting Reports
- g. Water Department Report
- h. Prince George's Chapel Cemetery Report
- i. Correspondence

Councilman Chandler asked what the maximum size was for a political sign. Town Administrator Brought stated that it is 2 by 2, 4 square feet. Stacy is aware of the one on the Steen property. Councilman Chandler stated that the sign is not only too big but it obstructs your view off of Piney Neck

Road. Town Administrator Brought asked when the election is to take place because the Code states forty-five days prior to the election is when the signs can be put out and three days after the election the signs need to be removed. Councilman Chandler stated that the election is in November but there is a primary election on September 13th.

Vice-Mayor Ulrich asked if the Foreman property went to settlement as she noticed the white van is still there. Town Administrator Brought stated that it did, however, the owner gave Mr. Foreman sixty days to clear everything out. Councilman Chandler asked if the new owner's intention was to tear it down. Town Administrator Brought stated yes, absolutely. Town Administrator Brought asked Councilman Chandler if he was aware of a family cemetery being on the property. She stated that the Millers were continuously told that a family cemetery was on that property, when they owned Dagsboro Days. Councilman Chandler stated, "no," that was news to him.

Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Vice-Mayor Ulrich seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 with Councilman Labor being absent.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Sussex Conservation – Warrington Street Storm Water Project

Town Administrator Brought stated that this project started back in 2018 asking to get the storm water drainage fixed in that area. There was a 100 year storm and everything on Warrington Street and in front of Bodie's flooded. It was determined by AECOM that this area was one of the worst areas and the town should start there. At the preconstruction meeting it was determined that the project would be one month long. They plan to start July 25th and the project should be completed by the end of August. Weather permitting days are included in the month long process as well as the repairs to the road, which will be disrupted in three places. A notice to notify the public of this project is on the website and Facebook and she has informed the Police and Fire Department. The project will consist of new pipes and cleaning of the ditches to make sure they work properly. They are supposed to get a bid on repaving the road once the project is completed. The Mills Subdivision driveways will be affected by the project and therefore we reached out to Mr. Mills for his driveway placements to avoid conflict when the three lots start. All homeowners are getting an agreement stating that they will not hold the town responsible for being on their property as well as notice about the road closure. Sussex Conservation District and Representative Rich Collins provided the funding for the project. Councilman Chandler asked for clarification of the area of road that will be disturbed, you don't mean on Main Street do you? She stated, "no," it is in three different places on Warrington Street that the pipe goes under the road and into the ditch.

Town Administrator Brought stated that they looked at the area of Piney Neck Road and Waples Street where the road has started to go down and stated that is the responsibility of DelDOT and she has been working on that since 2019. David Baird, of Sussex Conservation, has been in contact with DelDOT to try and get that resolved. She stated that the storm water drain is filled to the top with dirt and roots from whoever owns the tree at that location. That project will also be a huge undertaking, but in turn, would

help with the flooding in that area. They may install another storm drain to ease the flooding. They are looking into the whole system in that area.

b. Swamp Road Repairs/Sealed – Representative Collins Funding

Town Administrator Brought stated that Representative Collins travels Swamp Road quite a bit and has noticed that the road is cracking and he had it paved to begin with. He asked the town to get some bids before it gets too horrible. She is in the process of getting at least three bids. The repairs and sealing would be up to the railroad tracks on the East side of the tracks.

c. August Town Council Meeting – Yes or No

Mayor Baull stated that traditionally the Town forgoes the August monthly meetings and asked if Council wanted to continue the tradition.

Vice-Mayor Ulrich made a motion to forgo the August Council meeting. Councilman Truitt seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 with Councilman Labor being absent.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

Councilman Chandler made a motion to move into Executive session. Councilman Truitt seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 with Councilman Labor being absent.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Discussion Police Personnel Matters (pursuant to 29 Del C. Section 10004(b)(9))

Re-open meeting for results/comments regarding Executive Session.

Councilman Chandler made a motion for Chief Flood to extend an offer to John Cullen to join the Dagsboro Police Department. Councilman Truitt seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 with Councilman Labor being absent.

Chief Flood stated that the State mandated the upgrade of the department's radios by 2023. The State essentially paid \$28K to \$30K for the department to have five radios replaced, which included two old car radios that were found in the attic. Councilman Truitt confirmed that these were the 800 megahertz. Chief Flood stated, "yes," and they have been around for a long time and are antiquated for everything that is going on. They have received three of the five radios to date. The other two were dropped off Tuesday because you have to turn the old radios in before you get the new ones.

Chief Flood stated that they were awarded another \$15,000 grant that will cover half if not three quarters of the up fit cost for the second police truck to get equipped.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Chandler made a motion to adjourn. Vice-Mayor Ulrich seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 with Councilman Labor being absent.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy West, Town Clerk