

MINUTES

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 16, 2016

TOWN COUNCIL:	JOANNE BACON	PRESIDENT
	GREG WELCH	VICE PRESIDENT
	MARTY PRESLEY	SEC/TREASURER
	PAM DAVIS	COUNCILMAN
	EDWARD (SKIP) ASH	COUNCILMAN

TOWN EMPLOYEES: NONE

OTHERS:	JAMES SAMPLE	DUANE BECK
	PRISCILLA SCHOOLFIELD	

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY JOANNE BACON AT 7:04pm.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS:

GREG MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND SECONDED BY PAM.

MOTION WAS UNANIMOUS

GREG NOTED NEED TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE CHARTER AND ORDINANCES, THE FIRST CHANGE SHOULD BE THE ELECTION. THE COMMITTEE DOES HAVE A DRAFTED CHARTER CHANGE BUT NOT ENOUGH TIME TO HAVE THE CHANGE BEFORE THE NEXT ELECTION. WE CAN CHANGE THE ORDINANCE WHICH WOULD COMPLY WITH TITLE 15. THIS WOULD INCLUDE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMITTEE, VOTERS REGISTRATION CUTOFF DATE, FILING DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATES,

GREG NOTED THE ORDINANCE NEEDS TO BE AMENDED AND STATE THE GUIDELINES FOR TOWN ELECTIONS AND SEND TO CHAD FOR REVIEW.

MARTY NOTED TO GREG DOESN'T DELAWARE STATE LAW SAY WE NEED TO SET A DATE

GREG NOTED THIS DOES REQUIRE THE TOWN TO SET THE DATE FOR CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE

MARTY NOTED THAT OTHER TOWNS DON'T GET SPECIFIC THEY JUST STATE WHAT IS NOT COVERED THE TOWN WILL FOLLOW DELAWARE LAW.

GREG NOTED THE TOWN NEEDS ABSENTEE BALLOTING BECAUSE OF THE THREE HOUR WINDOW TO VOTE.

MARTY NOTED WE NEED TO FIND THE MINIMUM THE TOWN NEEDS TO GET THROUGH THE ELECTION AFTER THE ELECTION MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES TO CHARTER AND THE ORDINANCE.

MARTY NOTED THE REQUIREMENTS TO VOTE IN THE TOWN OF FRANKFORD. THE PERSON MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE, RESIDED IN THE TOWN LIMITS FOR THE PASSED THIRTY DAYS AND IS REGISTERED AS REQUIRED BY LAW SHALL BE A QUALIFIED VOTER OF THE TOWN,

GREG HAS THE CHANGE TO ORDINANCE HE WILL REVIEW AND FORWARD TO COUNCIL FOR REVIEW BEFORE SENDING TO CHAD THE TOWN SOLICITOR.

GREG NOTED TO ADD IS TO PRODUCE BY A DESIGNEE OF COUNCIL A ROUGH DRAFT OF THE BUDGET 60 DAYS PRIOR TO FISCAL YEAR.

GREG NOTED ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR REMOVAL OF NON ATTENDING COUNCIL MEMBERS.

MARTY NOTED COUNCIL COULD HAVE THREE UNEXCUSED ABSENCE IN A ROW WOULD BE CAUSE FOR REMOVAL FROM COUNCIL BUT COUNCIL COULD APPROVE LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

GREG NOTED ADD PROVISIONS FOR TOWN MANAGER BUT THE TOWN CAN'T AFFORD A TOWN MANAGER AT THIS TIME. ALSO DISCOURAGE NEPOTISM.

JOANNE NOTED NEPOTISM IS IN THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND CHARTER.

GREG NOTED A PROCESS IN PASSING ORDINANCES AND CHANGING THE CHARTER AND SHOULD BE READ TWICE.

MARTY NOTED TO ADD TO THE CHARTER LIST WOULD BE NON RESIDENT SEAT WITH A SEAT ON COUNCIL.

GREG NOTED THOSE ARE TWO BIG ISSUES AND THIS SHOULD BE A REFERENDUM. THE PUBLIC NEEDS TO VOTE ON THESE ADDITIONS.

MARTY NOTED ONLY CERTAIN CRITERIA FOR A REFERENDUM

MARTY NOTED WE HAVE PROPERTY OWNERS IN TOWN THAT AREN'T RESIDENTS. THOSE PEOPLE HAVE INVESTED HERE IN TOWN AND THEY ARE THE PEOPLE THAT GET INVOLVE WITH TOWN AND COME TO MEETINGS ETC. THOSE PEOPLE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FULFILL A SEAT ON COUNCIL.

GREG NOTED THE TOWN NEEDS A BIGGER POOL OF NON RESIDENT PROPERTY OWNERS INTERESTED IN BEING INVOLVED WITH THE TOWN

MARTY NOTED WE NEED GOOD TALENTED PEOPLE INVOLVED IN OUR TOWN WHO EITHER HAVE A BUSINESS, OWN PROPERTY IN TOWN AND WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BEING INVOLVED WITH THE GROWTH OF THE TOWN

GREG NOTED ISSUES WITH THE TOWN COMES FROM NOT ABIDING BY THE CHARTER

MARTY NOTED UPON REVIEWING THE CHARTER HE AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT AND UPDATES THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED:

- 1) ELECTION DATE
- 2) VOTER QUALIFICATIONS
- 3) QUORUM
- 4) COUNCIL SEAT: NON RESIDENT PROPERTY OWNER TO HAVE A SEAT ON COUNCIL
- 5) FILLING VACANCY ON COUNCIL
- 6) DISQUALIFICATIONS OF A COUNCIL MEMBER
- 7) PROCEDURE TO REMOVE SOMEONE FROM THE MEETINGS
- 8) COLLECTOR OF TAXES
- 9) BONDED AMOUNT
- 10) PROCESS FOR ORDINANCES
- 11) ZONING PRACTICE
- 12) PROCEDURES FOR ANNEXATION
- 13) INCREASE PENALTIES FOR ORDINANCES
- 14) BUDGET PROCESS

GREG NOTED HE WILL PUT TOGETHER THE CHANGES THAT NEED TO BE MADE IN THE CHARTER, PRESENT IT TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL AND THEN FORWARD TO CHAD THE TOWN SOLICITOR

DUANE BECK NOTED ON THE WEBSITE THE TIME WAS INCORRECT FOR THE MEETING

DUANE BECK ALSO NOTED ON THE NON RESIDENT PROPERTY OWNER THAT A CERTAIN TOWN HAS FOUR SEATS ON COUNCIL FOR NON RESIDENT IN TOWN PROPERTY OWNERS.

GREG NOTED HE WILL GET TOGETHER THE ELECTION CHANGES AND A LIST OF THE CHARTER CHANGES AND MAKE SURE ALL COUNCIL RECEIVES A COPY OF THE CHANGES BEFORE FORWARDING TO CHAD THE TOWN SOLICITOR

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

MARTY MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AND SECONDED BY PAM AT 8:42PM
MOTION WAS UNANIMOUS

RESPECTFULLY

CHERYL LYNCH
TOWN CLERK