

Minutes  
Town Council Meeting  
December 12, 2022

The Town Council held its monthly meeting on Monday, December 12, 2022, in the council room of the Town Hall. Those joining the assembly were: Brian Laine, Mayor; Oscar E. Parker, III, Council President; Dennis Mason, Darlene Whiting, Brian Wills, H Lane Chambers, Council Members; Pat Bowden, Fire Chief; Frances Chambers, Planning Commission; Robyn Croft, Treasurer; Bonita Meyers, Clerk.

**Oath of Office:** Gary M. Williams, Clerk of Sussex County, administered the oath of office to the following Town Council members: O. E. Parker, III, Brian Wills, Darlene Whiting, Michael Kessinger, Dennis Mason; Mayor, Brian Laine; and Council Member-elect Frances Chambers for terms beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2024.

**Call to order:** The mayor called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm leading all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Roll Call and Adoption of Agenda:** The clerk called the roll; all members were present except Michael Kessinger.

Mr. Wills moved to adopt the agenda as presented, and Mr. Mason seconded; Council voted unanimously by raised hands to accept the motion.

**Announcements:** None

**Minutes:** Mr. Mason moved to dispense with the reading of the November minutes and to approve them as presented; Mr. Parker seconded; Council voted unanimously to accept the motion.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mrs. Croft presented the treasurer's report as follows:

Balance on hand in the General Fund as of November 30, 2022- \$289,423.46

Bills presented for payment as of November 30, 2022- \$6,713.98

Mrs. Whiting made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented, Mr. Chambers seconded the motion, and Council voted unanimously by raised hands in favor of the motion.

**Citizen Statements:** Kelly Kruschell asked if it was possible to have the sidewalks cleaned. The mayor said he would have the Utilities Department look into it.

**Committee Reports:**

**Fire Department:** None

**Sussex Service Authority:** None

**Airport:** The runway light installation is complete. The lights will illuminate when an airplane approaches, and the pilot keys the microphone to turn them on.

**Ballpark/Recreation:** None

**Budget/Finance:** None

**Cemetery:** None

**Emergency Services/Safety:** None

**Personnel:**

**Planning Commission:** Mrs. Chambers recommended David West and Rossie Carroll to fill the Planning Commission vacancies. Mr. Parker made a motion to appoint Mr. West and Mr. Carroll to the Planning Commission; Mr. Wills seconded the action, and Council voted unanimously by raised hands in favor of the motion.

**Property Maintenance:** None

**Streets/Beautification:** None

**Utilities:** There was a power outage last Friday due to an accident; repairs were made as quickly as possible

**Vehicle Maintenance:** None

**Zoning:** None

**Legal:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Adjourn:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Brain M. Laine, Mayor

*Bonita JC Meyers*

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Bonita Meyers, Clerk