

**TOWN OF ODESSA**

**MINUTES FOR REGULAR TOWN MEETING OF MAYOR & COUNCIL**

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 MONDAY – 7:00 PM**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNOR CARNEY'S PROCLAMATION THE TOWN OF ODESSA IS HOLDING THIS MEETING AS A VIRTUAL & PHONE CONFERENCE**

**The link to join the meeting via computer or smart device is:**

**<https://udel.zoom.us/j/84628484623>**

**MEETING ID: 8462848623**

**PASSCODE: 145482**

**by phone: 1-646-876-9923**

**1-301-715-8592**

Those present at 7:00 PM

Mayor: Harvey C. Smith, Jr.

Councilmember: John Freeman

Councilmember: Betts Jackson

Councilmember: Ed Pollard

Treasurer: Lionel Hynson

Secretary: Barbara Roberts

Guests or Community Members: Lt. A. Lloyd, Meghan Mahoney

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- I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance, meeting called to order at 7:00 pm
  - II. Roll Call
  - III. Approval of Minutes
    - a. Regular Meeting of Mayor & Council as of 8-3-20, attached hereto as attachment A (*3 page minutes document*)

**MOTION BY BETTS JACKSON, SECONDED BY JOHN FREEMAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE 8-3-20 REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**MOTION CARRIED. 4 AYES, 0 NAYS**

- IV. Correspondence
  - a. Delaware Wildlands Lease
    - Mayor Smith received an update on Delaware Wildlands plan to move out of the Old Academy Building as soon as their plans are finalized. Mayor & Council will start to research possible new tenants, the Town Charter states there are limitations to who the space can be rented to. Attached hereto as attachment B (*1 page note*)

- V. Police Report
- Lt. Lloyd from the Delaware State Police reported on statistics in the Town of Odessa

- VI. Treasurer's Report
- a. Treasurer's Report as of 8-31-20, attached hereto as attachment C (3 pg. report)

**MOTION BY JOHN FREEMAN, SECONDED BY BETTS JACKSON TO APPROVE THE TREASURERS REPORT AS SUBMITTED FROM 8-31-20**

**MOTION CARRIED. 4 AYES, 0 NAYS**

- VII. Commission Reports
- a. Commission: virtual meeting on 8-13-20
- b. Planning Commission: No August Meeting
- c. Tree Commission: No August Meeting

- XI. Old Business - *None*

- XII. New Business
- a. Storm Damage in Memorial Park
- Tree Inc., Willard Massey and The Town of Middletown assisted in the cleanup of tree branches throughout town and the large cleanup at both Memorial Park and Mechanic Street. The Town will apply for grant money that is available through New Castle County to try and recoup some of the expense.
- b. Appointment to Board of Adjustment

**MOTION BY BETTS JACKSON SECONDED BY JOHN FREEMAN TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MEGHAN MAHONEY TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR THE REMAINDER OF A 3 YEAR TERM**

**MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 4 AYES, 0 NAYS**

**MOTION BY BETTS JACKSON SECONDED BY JOHN FREEMAN TO APPROVE NEEKA GROVE AND JEFF PYLE TO THE TREE COMMISSION.**

**MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 4 AYES, 0 NAYS**

- c. Tennis Court (backboard & upgrades)
- Volunteers donated their time to replace the backboard and upgrade the court to accommodate Pickle Ball players. The Town was only billed for materials.
- d. Town Flag
- Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

XIII. Next Meeting Date and Time:

- Next meeting of Mayor and Council on Monday October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.
- Kathy Harvey's family had requested that in lieu of flowers a contribution be sent to either Delaware Wildlands and/or Historic Odessa Foundation. Flags were flown at half-mast and a door wreath was hung at the Old Academy in memory of Kathy's passing.

**MOTION BY HARVEY SMITH, SECONDED BY BETTS JACKSON TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS OF \$50.00 EACH TO THE HISTORIC ODESSA FOUNDATION AND DELAWARE WILDLANDS.**

**MOTION CARRIED. 4 AYES, 0 NAYS**

- Ed Pollard asked about the status of the Rt. 299 (Main St) project and whether it is complete. There are potentially some ongoing problems: storm drain at the fire house and ADA compliance for the sidewalks.

XIV. Adjournment

**MOTION BY JOHN FREEMAN, SECONDED BY ED POLLARD TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:50**

Minutes Submitted 9-28-20  
Date

Barbara Roberts  
Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_