

**TOWN OF ODESSA**

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

**APRIL 5, 2021 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/87907478333>**

**MEETING ID: 87907478333**

**PASSCODE: 427422**

**by phone: 1-312-626-6799 or**

**1-646-876-9923**

Those present at 7:00 PM

Mayor: Harvey C. Smith, Jr.

Councilmember: John Freeman

Councilmember: Betts Jackson

Councilmember: Ed Pollard

Councilmember: Lionel Hynson (joined later)

Treasurer: Debbie Whittington

Secretary: Barbara Roberts

Guests or Community Members: Lt. A. Lloyd, Delaware State Police & 1 community member

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- I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance, meeting called to order at 7:05 pm
- II. Election Certification, attached hereto as attachment A
  - The Board of Elections certified that all seats were uncontested, and the April 2021 election was canceled.
- III. Oath of Office, attached hereto as attachment B
  - Mayor Smith gave the Oath of Office to Councilpersons Ed Pollard, Lionel Hynson and Treasurer Debbie Whittington
  - Councilperson John Freeman gave the oath to Mayor Smith
- IV. Roll Call
- V. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Regular Meeting of Mayor & Council as of 3-1-21

**MOTION BY JOHN FREEMAN, SECONDED BY ED POLLARD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE 3-1-21 REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

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

- VI. Correspondence (*will be reviewed further down in the agenda*)
- VII. Police Report
- Lt. Lloyd from the Delaware State Police reported on statistics in the Town of Odessa
- VIII. Treasurer's Report
- a. Treasurer's Report as of 3-31-21, attached hereto as attachment C & D (*3 pg. reports*)
- MOTION BY JOHN FREEMAN, SECONDED BY BETTS JACKSON TO APPROVE THE TREASURERS REPORT AS SUBMITTED FROM 3-31-21**
- MOTION CARRIED. 4 AYES, 0 NAYS**
- IX. Commission Reports
- a. Historic Commission: Meeting was 3-11-21
- b. Planning Commission: No March Meetings
- c. Tree Commission: No March Meetings
- X. Old Business
- a. FEMA Storm Grant Update
- The Town is in the final review for this grant and if approved should receive the funds shortly.
- XI. New Business
- a. Schedule Budget Workshop
- Mayor and Council set the date of May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm for the Budget Workshop.
- b. Tennis Court Update
- The new net has been ordered and the contractor will schedule installation as soon as it is received.
- c. Pedestrian Crosswalk Sign
- This item was tabled for further review, since the Town has spent over \$2,000.00 replacing this sign, which continues to be damaged by cars backing out of the Post Office.
- XII. Next Meeting Date and Time: Next meeting of Mayor & Council: Monday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm
- Since Lionel had some difficulty signing on to the meeting earlier, Betts Jackson made a motion and John Freedman seconded to go back to the installation of officers so Mayor Smith could give the Oath of Office to Lionel Hynson.

- Mayor Harvey updated Council on the Municipal Street Aid grant, the Verizon Franchise Agreement and painting at the Town Hall.
- Basketball nets will remain down and possibly be put back up in May.
- Town Secretary will research the cost of a either a free standing or attached locked drop box for the building.
- American Rescue Plan: The Town was notified from the State that we would qualify for funding under this program. General information has been submitted to the State.
- Council agreed to continue to hold Council meeting on zoom until further notice.

XIII. Adjournment

**MOTION BY JOHN FREEMAN, SECONDED BY ED POLLARD TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:05**

**MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

Minutes Submitted 4-6-21  
Date

Barbara Roberts  
Secretary

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

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