

**TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY
TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
ORDINANCES 176-14 AND 177-14
THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2015**

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Council Members Sue Callaway, Tony Caputo, Jim Gross, George Junkin, Al Rae, and Mayor Pat Voveris; Town Manager Melvin Cusick; and Administrative Assistant Pam Smith

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Councilman Tim Saxton

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER

Pursuant to Section 145-65 of the Town Code, Mayor Voveris called the January 29, 2015, Public Hearing on Ordinances 176-14 and 177-14 to order at 5:00 p.m.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public input regarding Ordinance 176-14, to amend the Code of the Town of South Bethany, Chapter 145, Zoning, Article XIV, "Coastal Floodplain Regulations", to update according to FEMA request and Ordinance 177-14, to amend the Code of the Town of South Bethany, Chapter 145, Zoning, Article III, "Definitions", Article VI, "Establishment of Districts", and Article XV, "Board of Adjustment", to make consistent with updates to Chapter 145, Article XIV, "Coastal Floodplain Regulations" per FEMA request.

Public Comments:

Jack Whitney (105 Boone Rd.) – Regarding Ordinance 176-14, Mr. Whitney recommended adding the following language (in blue) to protect the Town:

§ 145-46.1. *Designation of the Floodplain Administrator*

The Town of South Bethany Code Enforcement Constable is hereby appointed to administer and implement these regulations and is referred to herein as the Floodplain Administrator. The Floodplain Administrator is authorized to fulfill the duties and responsibilities set forth in these regulations, however, the Floodplain Administrator shall refer technical, engineering, legal and/or real estate issues necessary for evaluation and/or advice to individual professionals as designated by the Town Manager and/or the Town Council. Administration of any part of these regulations by another entity shall not relieve the Town of South Bethany of its responsibilities pursuant to the participation requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program as set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations at 44 C.F.R. Section 59.22.

Council agreed to consider Mr. Whitney's suggestion during the Second Reading of Ordinance 176-14.

Mr. Whitney said the principle is that the Town's Floodplain Administrator may need some technical assistance to do certain things.

Mayor Voveris asked for more public comments. There were no more public comments.

Mayor Voveris closed the Public Hearing at 5:05 p.m.