

**TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY
TOWN COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES – HURRICANE SANDY
NOVEMBER 1, 2012**

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Mayor Kathy Jankowski; Councilpersons Al Rae, Pat Voveris, Sue Callaway, and George Junkin; Chief Joe DeLoach; Maintenance Supervisor Don Chrobot; Finance Director Renee McDorman; and Administrative Assistant Pam Smith

REMOTE ACCESS: Councilpersons Jim Gross and Mark Damato

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Jankowski called the November 1, 2012, Town Council Emergency Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION ON TRASH AND DEBRIS AS A RESULT OF HURRICANE SANDY

Mayor Jankowski said that Allied Waste went around town with the Maintenance Supervisor to assess the situation.

The Maintenance Supervisor reported that there is yard waste and debris from the bays. Property owners are just starting to clean their houses out. There are 10 to 20 ft. long timbers around town. Boats are in different places. There is a lot of carpet out already.

The following was input from several property owners present at the meeting: Big railroad ties, big branches, contractors tearing out walls, heavy furniture to discard, FEMA application on hold until disaster declared, don't have enough bins, suggested piling stuff in driveways and let the trucks take what they can, have people come in and pick this stuff up, advocate regarding insurance plans, three window air conditioners that are trash (it was noted that Freon has to be removed properly).

The Administrative Assistant's notes from meeting with Glenn Kavanagh of Allied Waste:

- \$125 an hour per truck plus disposal costs (typically 2 trucks)
- Yard waste ban will not be lifted. Trash cans are better than brown paper bags.
- Thursdays and Fridays are lighter days for Allied Waste.

Council discussed options. The following points were made:

- Contractors should be encouraged to take their stuff away.
- Property owners doing the work themselves can use construction debris pickup.
- Take pictures for insurance.
- If using a contractor, require that they take the debris away. The insurance should cover that.
- The Town does not want to take on a long term responsibility for construction debris.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilwoman Callaway, and seconded, to have two dumpsters installed as soon as possible at Town Hall and use the following curbside schedule for the week of November 5: Monday regular trash and construction debris, Wednesday yard waste, Thursday bulk trash pickup, and the regular recycling schedule. The motion was unanimously carried.

Mayor Jankowski said Council needs to discuss how to pay for this.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilman Junkin, seconded by Councilman Gross, that these expenses be paid for out of Long Term Reserves. After discussion, Mayor Jankowski asked for a roll call. The voting was as follows:

FOR THE MOTION: Councilpersons Rae, Gross, and Junkin

AGAINST THE MOTION: Mayor Jankowski and Councilpersons Damato, Callaway, and Voveris,

The voting result was 3 in favor and 4 against. The motion was defeated.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilwoman Voveris, seconded by Councilman Damato, that Council take care of the additional trash by doing a pass through on the trash bill which will be May of 2014. Councilman Rae asked for clarification. Councilwoman Voveris said the Town will have to pay the bill and collect in the 2014 tax bill. Mayor Jankowski asked for a roll call. The voting was as follows:

FOR THE MOTION: Mayor Jankowski and Councilpersons Rae, Gross, Voveris, Junkin, Callaway, and Damato

AGAINST THE MOTION: None

The motion was unanimously carried.

Councilwoman Voveris noted that the Town would apply FEMA money to the cost. She said FEMA typically reimburses 75%, but the Town does not know if it will qualify for FEMA funds.

Councilwoman Callaway suggested having the same schedule next week (the week of November 12). Councilman Rae proposed the Town have the dumpsters for four weeks. It was noted that the cost of dumpsters is \$500 times the number of times the dumpsters are picked up.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilwoman Callaway, seconded by Councilwoman Voveris, that the Town continue the same curbside pickup schedule that Council adopted in the first motion for the second week (the week of November 12) and that the Town keep the dumpsters for four weeks. Mayor Jankowski asked for a roll call. The voting was as follows:

FOR THE MOTION: Mayor Jankowski and Councilpersons Rae, Gross, Voveris, Junkin, Callaway, and Damato

AGAINST THE MOTION: None

The motion was unanimously carried.

Mayor Jankowski suggested that she and the Administrative Assistant work on the News Update communication, and she asked Councilwoman Voveris to help with the flyer that will be hand delivered to all South Bethany properties with information about the trash pickups, insurance, and FEMA.

Council Members divided up the streets that they would deliver the flyers to.

Councilwoman Voveris suggested labeling dumpsters with what can and can't go in them.

The Finance Director talked about a program the Town will utilize where DNREC will pick up fuel cans and propane cans that are collected at Town Hall.

Chief Deloach talked about the lost and found program.

The Code Enforcement Constable said he is concerned some residents may not know of flooding. Councilman Rae suggested sending a news update with a link to a film clip he had seen.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Junkin, seconded by Councilman Rae, to adjourn the November 1, 2012, Town Council Emergency Meeting at 4:15 p.m. The motion was unanimously carried.

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