

<b>TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JULY 11, 2014</b>
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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Mayor Voveris called the July 11, 2014, Town Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:25 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**APPROVAL AND VOTE OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was made by Councilman Gross, seconded by Councilman Junkin to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

**PRESENTATION OF SOUTH BETHANY PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE (SANDI ROBERTS)**

On behalf of James Saftich, President of the South Bethany Property Owners Association (SBPOA), and the SBPOA, Sandi Roberts, SBPOA Treasurer, presented a check for \$150 to Councilwoman Callaway for the Community Enhancement Committee. Ms. Roberts explained that the \$150 was from the 50/50 raffle at the SBPOA Bull Roast, and the SBPOA Executive Board and the Bull Roast Committee agreed that the SBPOA half should go to the Community Enhancement Committee. The Council and the audience acknowledged the SBPOA's contribution with applause.

**PROPERTY OWNERS' PARTICIPATION**

- Jack Wise (146 Evergreen Rd.) – Stated that this week he was approached by some folks from Middlesex who live on Evergreen Rd. asking him about the speed problem. Mr. Wise stated that a stop sign was taken down at Cleveland Ave. and now it is a straight shot from Peterson Dr. all the way up to Route 1. Mr. Wise stated that in his community in Florida, the community obtained a portable traffic radar unit that can be put behind a bush or tree and as a car zooms by it takes a picture of the license plate on the back of the car and records the speed, time, and date. Mr. Wise stated that the unit costs a little over \$7,000. Mr. Wise noted that the community did have to chain the unit to a tree to prevent it from being stolen. Mr. Wise suggested this as a potential solution to the speed problem. The Town Manager said that the Town would have to check to see if these units were allowed by Delaware law. He is not sure if Delaware law allows speed cameras. Mayor Voveris said the Town will look into it.
- Carol Stevenson (131 Henlopen Dr.) – Inquired if Evergreen Rd. is entirely in South Bethany or just down the middle. The Town Manager stated that the town map shows that part of Evergreen Rd. is in Middlesex Beach as well as the entire intersection at Evergreen Rd. and Route 1.
- Dennis Roberts (107 Canal Dr.) – Is also concerned about the safety issue regarding speed. Mr. Roberts believes a walk through with DelDOT would be appropriate to find out about portable rubber speed bumps that can be taken up in the winter like Bethany Beach has on some of their side streets. Stating that South Bethany's speed bumps don't slow people down, Mr. Roberts said that he is not sure if the speed bumps in South Bethany would even register as a speed bump under today's requirements.

Mayor Voveris said that she researched back to 2001 for information on Council activity regarding speed bumps in South Bethany. In 2001 Council moved away from having people come forward requesting services with a petition. Mayor Voveris stated that she met with the Mayor and Town Manager of Bethany Beach and they are against speed bumps and have turned down three requests in the last three months. Where Bethany Beach has speed bumps there was a traffic study done that showed about 1,000 cars a day going through those areas which precipitated them putting the speed bumps in. Mayor Voveris added that she and the Town Manager are continuing to research the issue and will report back.

Mr. Roberts commented that the Police Department has done an excellent job watching the traffic lately. He added that the department has stepped up and done its part.

- Ed Narzarian (20 Peterson Dr.) – Suggested that the Police Department put down pads on Route 1 so their vehicles won't tear up the grass in the median that the Town is trying to beautify. Mr. Nazarian thanked the Police Department for sitting on Peterson Dr. and catching people running the stop sign there. Lt. Crowson stated that he is looking at something for the police cars on Route 1 which is cement and has grass growing out of it.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Yard Waste Complaint**

The Town Manager reported that he met with the representative from the Town's yard waste hauler. Following the meeting, the representative instructed all of the drivers to be more careful when they pick up the yard waste.

- **Concerns About Speed**

Concerns about speed were partially addressed in the Property Owners Participation portion of the meeting. At this time Lt. Crowson stated that the Town's speed machine was set up in Cat Hill for a bit and it is presently on York Rd. It will be moved to Canal Dr. on Monday. Also, since July 1, the department has issued 30 tickets regarding stop sign violations in the Cat Hill area.

- **Artesian Fire Hydrant Charge**

Regarding the issue of only property owners hooked up to Artesian water paying the fire hydrant charge, the Town Manager reported that he talked to the Delaware Public Service Commission and was advised that Artesian is not required to bill property owners who are not hooked up to Artesian water. When there is no customer relation, Artesian has no basis for billing the property owner. They do not have the database (addresses). A discussion ensued. Councilman Caputo stated that if you are not an Artesian customer you don't get an Artesian bill and accordingly it is very difficult to administer who is not on Artesian service. The Town Manager noted that the Town has no database on how many private wells there are in town. Councilman Caputo agreed and said therefore there is an administrative cost associated with collecting from people who are not otherwise contributing to the fire hydrant service. Councilman Caputo stated that the costs should not exceed the benefits anticipated. Councilman Caputo suggested that there are probably less than 100 properties that don't receive water service from Artesian. The Town Manager guessed that it is well below 100 but he clarified that he did not know. Councilman Caputo said it is probably less than \$1,000 a year and who is going to set up a system and collect for that. Councilman Caputo stated that it is not a matter of fairness it is a matter of practicality. Councilman Gross suggested looking into it further. He suggested that Artesian could give the Town a list of their customers and the Town could determine how many houses in South Bethany are not on Artesian. Then the Town could decide how to assess those properties if the Town wanted to. Councilman Caputo noted that figuring out how many Artesian customers are within South Bethany's geography probably is not easy because Artesian serves more than just South Bethany and therefore the analysis is not as clear as the wind-driven snow. The Town Manager added that Artesian's customer database may be protected.

## **LEADERSHIP REPORTS**

- **Mayor's Report**—Mayor Voveris reported:

Since my last report at the end of June we have enjoyed the festivities of the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Though the Bethany Beach parade was cancelled due to rain, on July 5 South Bethany did enjoy having our handmade float parade through town and decorated boats parade on our canal waters.

That evening many enjoyed the first ever Beach Movie Night. It was great to see our friends, neighbors, and families enjoying this event, and we should consider making this evening a South Bethany tradition.

So many people are owed a “thanks” and I mention each in alphabetical order:

Owner, Neal Brown, for distributing flyers on the beach.

Councilwoman, Sue Callaway, for recommending the movie choice, FROZEN, and polling her little people for approval. It was a fabulous choice!

Maintenance Supervisor, Don Chrobot, for selecting & installing the rope lights for our walkway and making the event go smoothly from start to finish & completing the next morning's beach cleanup.

Our Police Lt. Troy Crowson and his staff for maintaining peace & good order.

Our Town Manager, Melvin Cusick, for researching and recommending Barton's for the rental of the screen, the projector, and the sound system. Expert and courteous staff!! Seamless execution!!

Former Councilman, Mark Damato, for suggesting we have snow cones available.

Dewey Beach Vendors for fighting the traffic from Rehoboth to attend the event and selling snow cones at a reduced cost. Kids lined up in droves for the cones!

Councilman, Jim Gross, for providing electricity for our walkway rope lights.

Our Finance Director, Renee McDorman, for suggesting glow necklaces. Kids loved them!!

Owners, Linda & Dave Raiford and Sandy Raymond, for helping disburse the glow necklaces and candy to the kids.

SBPOA President, James Saftich, for sending out email notice of the event.

Our Administrative Assistant, Pam Smith, for sending out emails and printing color copies for the event.

Our Town Council for approving more funding to proceed with the event when initial estimates fell short.

THANK YOU ALL FOR THIS COLLABORATIVE & HUGELY SUCCESSFUL ENDEAVOR!!

### IN OTHER TOWN NEWS

Our Board of Adjustment has appointed a new Chair, Dr. Martha Fields. Martha has served as a member of the BOA for more than a year. We wish her success in her new role.

Police Lt. Linda O'Malley retired on July 1. We will have a reception for her at Town Hall next Friday on July 18 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Police Chief Joe Deloach announced his retirement effective today, July 11. We are working on planning a reception for Joe once he completes his rehab from knee surgery.

## IN LEGISLATIVE NEWS

House Bill 333 has passed. It amends Title 22 of the Delaware Code in Chapter 19 – limitation of municipal taxing powers.

This basically says a municipality shall only have the power to impose, levy, assess or collect a tax of any kind whatsoever as expressly authorized in its municipal charter.

This bill applies to any NEW TAX enacted after June 15, 2014.

There is nothing at this time that would impact South Bethany.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

On Thursday evening, July 10, I did a ride along for several hours with our current acting officer in charge, Lt. Crowson. Thank you, Troy, for your time and your explanation of police operations.

## SCAT BREAKFAST THIS MORNING, JULY 11

I attended this breakfast in Georgetown with Town Manager, Melvin Cusick.

- **Town Manager's Report**—Melvin Cusick reported:

The Mayor, Town Manager, Cpl. Burton, Beach Patrol Captain, and Maintenance Supervisor participated in a weather call with Sussex County Emergency Operations Center on July 3 concerning Hurricane Arthur. Fortunately the hurricane did not have much of an affect on the town.

The Town is experiencing theft of our street signs that are at the beach walkways. So far this year seven signs have been stolen. This happens every year, but this year there seems to be a sudden increase of them in the last few weeks.

The rain last night did some damage to the dune crossings. Normally it is up to the State to repair the crossings, but because of safety concerns, the Town's Maintenance Department did some temporary repairs until the State can get in town to fix them (hopefully next week).

- **Treasurer's Report**—Councilman Saxton reported as of June 30, 2014:

Council had copies of the Treasurer's Report. Councilman Saxton noted that the format was changed and should cover everything Council needs to review on a monthly basis.

All revenues are being received at appropriate levels.

The Sea Level Rise and Storm Surge Committee received \$1400 in grant money.

Expenditures continue to track at appropriate levels.

Councilman Junkin asked why salaries are at 20% for the first two months of the fiscal year. He would have expected them to be closer to 17%. Councilman Saxton did not know the answer but said it could have been due to a five week month.

Councilman Gross noted that town tax bills were due June 30 and yet only 45% was collected. Councilman Saxton said that due to the audit and the busyness of the Town office, the payments have been collected but the Town did not have time to get the payments deposited in time for the close of the month at the end of June. Councilman Saxton said next month it should be close to 100%.

- **Police Department Report/Questions**—Lt. Troy Crowson reported for the month of June, 2014:

**02 Jun:** Assisted a Fenwick Island PD officer with a traffic stop. The South Bethany officer maintained control of the vehicle occupants while the Fenwick officer conducted a vehicle search during which he found a large amount of alcoholic beverages. All of the occupants were under the legal drinking age. The Fenwick officer confiscated the alcohol and released the driver with a traffic summons.

**02 Jun:** Responded to a residence on Bayshore Dr. in reference to a report of a fight in progress involving approximately 20 subjects. Officers arrived on scene but did not observe anyone in the area. Witnesses stated the subjects left in several different vehicles but could not provide a direction of travel.

**04 Jun:** Responded to a residence on S. Ocean Dr. in reference to a criminal mischief complaint. Unknown suspect(s) had smashed the rear window and tail lights of a vehicle that was parked in a driveway. Officers made contact with the owner of the vehicle who stated she was having a party at the residence the night before and refused to let several male subjects that she did not know into the party. She stated one of the male subjects used a skateboard to damage her vehicle and then they all fled the area. The victim could not provide an accurate description of the suspect.

**05 Jun:** Officer was dispatched by the State Police Dispatch Center to a residence on Addy Rd. in Middlesex Beach in reference to a report of a large group of juveniles getting ready to start fighting. The officer made contact with the owner of the residence who stated he was having a party and asked a group of uninvited guests to leave. He stated the group became disorderly and a verbal argument ensued between the owner and his guests, and the group of uninvited guests. The group left the scene before the argument became physical.

**08 Jun:** Out of state fugitive that was taken into custody but later released.

**10 Jun:** Criminal mischief where there were eggs thrown at a house on S. Anchorage and N. 6<sup>th</sup> St.

**11 Jun:** Responded to West Ave. in Ocean View to assist Ocean View PD officers with a terroristic threatening complaint involving an intoxicated male suspect with a machete who had fled the area. The suspect was located by the South Bethany officer and taken into custody by OVPD.

**11 Jun:** Responded to several residences on Mays Way and Anchorage Dr. in reference to reports of criminal mischief involving smashed mailboxes. There are no witnesses or known suspects.

**16 Jun:** Assisted DSP Troop 4 and Ocean View PD in reference to a prowler complaint at an address in the Dove Court Bayshore Mobile Home Park in Ocean View. Officers arrived on scene, conducted a search of the area but could not locate anyone.

**17 Jun:** Assisted DSP Troop 4 and Fenwick Island PD in reference to a complaint of subjects being disorderly and causing criminal mischief in the area of Delaware Ave. in Fenwick Island. Officers took the subjects into custody and turned them over to DSP.

**19 Jun:** Responded to a residence on Tern Dr. in reference to a complaint of computer fraud. The victim stated unknown suspect(s) posted pictures of his residence on Craigslist in an attempt to rent out the property and receive money. There are no known suspects.

**23 Jun:** Responded to a residence on Layton Dr. in reference to a report of a hand grenade that was found in a shed on the property. The officer contacted the State Police Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Team who arrived on scene and x-rayed the grenade. The grenade was inert and removed by EOD personnel.

**24 Jun:** Assisted DSP Troop 4 with a Burglary in progress complaint at a residence in the Kings Grant apartment complex in Fenwick Island. Officers discovered a male suspect outside the residence and he was taken into custody by DSP.

**28 Jun:** Responded to S. Ocean Dr. in reference to a report of offensive touching. An elderly gentleman was struck in the side of the head by an intoxicated male subject who was upset because he said the light the victim was wearing on his head was blinding him. The victim was not injured and did not want to press charges.

Officers responded to a total of 7 false residential security alarms and three loud party complaints.

Lt. Crowson stated that regarding speed and the stop signs in Cat Hill, the department will continue to enforce in those areas and balance it with Route 1. Lt. Crowson reported that last night on Route 1 a car was going 103 mph. The Town's new officer, Marlon Miller, did a very good job and caught the speeder.

Councilman Rae asked Mayor Voveris to mention to everybody the status of the Chief of Police Search. Mayor Voveris stated that the Town is going to start running an ad next week. Council met this past Monday to discuss a search process. Mr. Roberts asked who makes the choice. Mayor Voveris said the interview committee will be made up of her, the Town Manager, and Councilwoman Callaway. The interview committee will bring the information from the interviews to the Council. Council ultimately has the decision on the hiring. Mr. Roberts believes the Town has some excellent candidates on staff and asked if residents have an opportunity to voice their opinion. Mayor Voveris stated that you are always welcome to come forward with satisfaction of service if you have individuals you have encountered in your life here in South Bethany. Mayor Voveris believes the decision would be made on the merit, the experience, and what would be best for the town.

Councilman Caputo asked Lt. Crowson if he had any comments with regards to how some of the speeding issues in town could be solved. Lt. Crowson stated that he believes presence and enforcement is the best thing the department can do. Lt. Crowson stated that with one officer on at a time, something is going to happen where the officer is not. The department is trying to get speed trailers in place. Lt. Crowson said he is looking into getting something that can record data to at least see if speed really is an issue in some of these areas that are being reported.

Maria Johansen (3 S. Anchorage Ave.) – Inquired if the officer on the bike (the seasonal parking enforcement officer) could be posted at the stop sign near Town Hall to get violators. Lt. Crowson said no it is not safe because the seasonal parking enforcement officer does not carry a gun and does not wear a vest. Lt. Crowson added that the department has increased patrol since July 1 and to this date has issued 30 stop sign tickets.

- **Beach Patrol Report**—On behalf of Capt. Ryan Dacey the Town Manager reported:

This report covers from June 28 to July 8.

June 30: The Beach Patrol competition team participated in the Sea Colony Lifeguard Competition and placed second overall.

July 2: Stand 3 had a rescue of a girl blown out to sea on a body board.

July 3: A 19-year-old male fell in the surf and separated his shoulder. He was treated on the scene and sent to the hospital.

July 4: Swimming was limited on the beach which was when Hurricane Arthur was passing. There were a lot of rip currents during this time.

**ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS – FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 172-14, TO AMEND CHAPTER 145, ZONING, TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT ALLOWED WHERE FREEBOARD IS PROVIDED**

The definitions in Ordinance 172-14 were looked at and no one had any issues with the definitions.

The remainder of the discussion focused on the following section of the ordinance:

**§ 145-35J.** Maximum building height:

- (1) ~~main:~~ Principal building: thirty-two (32) feet; accessory building: fifteen (15) feet, measured from center line of street, except as provided in § 145-38E(2). Minimum roof pitch: 4/12.**
- (2) Notwithstanding § 145-35J(1) above, where the principal building has a freeboard equal to or greater than two (2) feet above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE), the principal building maximum height may be the higher of thirty-four (34) feet measured from center line of the street or thirty-eight (38) feet based on NAVD 88. Minimum roof pitch: 4/12.**

Councilman Gross suggested that Councilman Junkin comment first because he has a view that is contrary to what is proposed in § 145-35J(2).

Councilman Junkin stated that he agrees with § 145-35J(1). Councilman Gross stated that he is in agreement with § 145-35J(1). Councilman Junkin noted that the proposed requirement in § 145-35J(1), Principal building: thirty-two (32) feet, is different than Mr. Whitney's recommendation of going to 31 feet. Regarding Mr. Whitney's recommendation of going to 31 feet in § 145-35J(1), Councilman Junkin thinks it is hard to go backwards and tell people they can't build their house the size they used to.

Councilman Junkin recommended that § 145-35J(2) be referenced to Base Flood Elevation (BFE) - if there is two feet of freeboard, the top of the house can be at 33 feet above BFE which means there is 31 feet available space to put the house in for all properties in South Bethany.

During discussion, Councilman Junkin clarified that this ordinance is only amending the maximum building height section of the code. Councilman Junkin explained that a different section of the code, the floodplain section, addresses where the bottom of the house is.

Councilman Junkin explained handouts he had distributed to everyone at the meeting which contained six graphs regarding Ocean Dr. and different maximum height scenarios.

Councilman Gross and Councilman Junkin explained how the ordinance would be applied to houses on Ocean Dr. if they go to VE10 which is what is currently on FEMA's proposed FIRM map.

Councilman Gross stated that his basic disagreement with Councilman Junkin's recommendation for § 145-35J(2) is in regard to having all houses in South Bethany to have the same height of the house itself. Councilman Gross said that has never been an objective in South Bethany, it has never been part of South Bethany's code, and it is not part of South Bethany's history.

Councilman Gross said the objective of the ordinance as he understands it is to: 1) Mitigate damage due to flooding, 2) Add higher houses where two or more feet of freeboard is provided, 3) Provide additional house heights for owners of low lying flood prone lots, and 4) Maintain the residential low-rise character of the town.

During discussion Mayor Voveris and Councilwoman Callaway questioned if the ordinance could offer both Councilman Gross' approach and Councilman Junkin's approach – whichever is higher. Councilman Gross and Councilman Junkin were not in favor of this.

Unable to come to a consensus on the wording of § 145-35J(2), Council agreed to review both Councilman Gross' and Councilman Junkin's approach at the July 24, 2014, Town Council Workshop Meeting. The vote on the wording will precede the Second Reading of Ordinance 172-14 on the meeting agenda.

Mayor Voveris declared this the first reading of Ordinance 172-14.

## **COMMITTEE & COMMISSION REPORTS**

- **Community Enhancement Committee** – Councilwoman Callaway reported:

The Community Enhancement Committee did not meet in June due to many CEC members involvement in the July 4<sup>th</sup> Float construction.

### **Ocean Drive Art Boards by featured local South Bethany Artists – Tara Funk Grim, Carolyn Marcello and Celeste Speer:**

- Copies of the original art boards created by the three local artists were all hung on June 30. Tara's painting is located at Ocean Drive and S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.; Carolyn's is located at Ocean Drive and Jamaica St.; and Celeste's is located at Ocean Drive and N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. A special thank you is once again conveyed to the artists for their contribution.
- An Email News Update about the ART Program was sent to SB Homeowners on July 8. Sue has received many positive emails about the program and has confirmed the interest of another local artist.
- Sue is speaking with the SB Historical Society regarding the logistics around the sale of the two original works of art.

### **Adopt-A-Canal/Road End Program Update:**

- All adopters were notified on Friday, July 11, about the dates for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Adopt Contest which will be held August 22 through Monday, September 1.

### **South Bethany July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade Float:**

- When Bethany Beach cancelled the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade, the South Bethany Float Committee was determined to "not let it rain on our parade!" The "one-float parade" left Town Hall at 10:00 a.m. on SATURDAY MORNING – JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>- and cruised through the streets of South Bethany. We were greeted with lots of cheers and many happy faces which made all the hard work put into the float creation very worthwhile! Thank you to all who came out to support us!
- MANY THANKS to the following crew of amazing FLOAT VOLUNTEERS who have been meeting, planning and working since April: Lori Cicero (Design Coordinator and Statue of Liberty), George Junkin (Uncle Sam), Carol Stevenson (Betsy Ross), Gene Hendrix (Abe Lincoln), Todd Stevenson (Tower coordinator), Pat and Frank Weisgerber, Kent and Bobbe Stephan, Beryl Long, Diann Nazarian, Kathy Jankowski, and Barbara Sears. Thanks also to M/Cpl. Lee Davis who followed us in his patrol car and added extra protection, sound and attention!
- A very special THANK YOU is directed to Don Chrobot, Public Works Supervisor who provided the Committee with wonderful support and ideas – we could not have done it without him!
- An Email News Update about the float and pictures will go out on Monday, July 14.
- A July 4<sup>th</sup> Float debriefing meeting will be held on July 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**Next Meeting** – The CEC will meet on Thursday, July 31 at 10:00 a.m.

- **Budget and Finance Committee** – Councilman Saxton reported:

The Budget and Finance Committee had its first meeting for this fiscal year on June 24. Many of the topics reviewed at the meeting were reported during the Treasurer's Report of this meeting.

The committee discussed trying to finish and finalize all the financial policies. Councilman Saxton stated that he has asked the auditors to look at the policies and advise if they match up well for what the Town is doing and the size of the town. The committee agreed to review all of the policies after the Town receives the auditor's report and to finish all policies that the Town needs to have by the end of the year. Individual committee members have been assigned to be responsible for the individual policies.

A meeting was scheduled for July 8, but the committee could not meet due to a lack of a quorum. The next meeting is scheduled for August 5 at 3:30 p.m.

A small group will be meeting with the auditors on July 14 at 9:30 a.m. at Town Hall regarding the draft audit report.

- **Charter and Code Committee** – Councilman Gross reported:

There was nothing further to report beyond what was reported last meeting.

Councilman Gross stated that the committee has three ordinances in the works and asks that they be considered at the next workshop.

- **Canal Water Quality Committee** – Councilman Junkin reported:

- **Grant Activity**

- **Grant for Rain Gardens along the East Side of Route 1.**

- Rain Gardens are completed and we have gotten a bill, an invoice, from the garden planter which I forwarded to Renee – Reseeding of sod will occur in the fall

- **Large oyster cages and floating wetlands in South Bethany Canals**

- Nothing new to report

- **Bioretention areas in Sandpiper Pines**

- A draft final report has been received and is in review for the conceptual designs for how we might make changes to the storm drains in Sandpiper Pines so that they have rain gardens around them or French drains or something to filter the water.

- **Water Quality Monitoring**

- We now have continuous monitors in both the Petherton and Brandywine Canals.
- We are looking for a homeowner who will allow us to put a continuous monitor on their bulkhead in the Anchorage Canal.

- **Diffuser Pilot Program** – Nothing new to report

- **Sea Level Rise (SLR) and Storm Surge (SS) Committee** – Councilman Junkin reported:

- Grant Activity

- *Sea Level Rise Adaptation – Baseline Survey*

- This grant activity is complete and we have received all the grant funds owed to us by DNREC.

- Additional Survey by the URS Corporation

- We now have draft maps with elevation data for all streets in South Bethany

- Ordinance To Provide An Option For Higher Maximum House Height Where Freeboard Is Provided
  - A public hearing on this ordinance is scheduled for July 11 at the Town Hall at 7 PM.
  - First reading is scheduled for 7/11/14. Second reading is scheduled for 7/24/14. Third reading is scheduled for 8/8/14.
  
- I had a conference call with the EPA, DNREC and the EPA's consultant relative to the new FIRMs. The biggest issue was that the current proposed firm changes the zone for the oceanfront homes from VE12 to VE10. Houses in the past, before the new dune, have been flooded and FEMA paid to have them raised. The FIRM is not supposed to count the dune in the analysis since the dune can be easily wiped out in one storm as we saw from Nor'Ida.
  
- **Planning Commission** – Councilman Rae reported:

The Planning Commission had no meeting this past month. The next meeting is scheduled for August, and they are going to begin working on the updates to the survey and the Comprehensive Plan.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from the public.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Junkin, seconded by Councilman Gross, to adjourn the June 11, 2014, Town Council Regular Meeting at 9:15 p.m. The motion was unanimously carried.

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