

**TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY  
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 22, 2017**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Mayor Voveris called the June 22, 2017, Town Council Workshop Meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

PRESENT: Councilmembers Don Boteler, Sue Callaway, Tim Shaw, Carol Stevenson, Frank Weisgerber, and Mayor Pat Voveris; Town Manager Maureen Hartman; Chief Troy Crowson; Finance Director Renee McDorman; and Administrative Assistant Pam Smith

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Councilmember Tim Saxton

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES – JUNE 9, 2017, TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

A motion was made by Councilmember Boteler, seconded by Councilmember Weisgerber, to accept the June 9, 2017, Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON THE ARCHITECT'S RECOMMENDATION TO REPURPOSE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Shaw, seconded by Councilmember Boteler, to repurpose the Police Department Building per the Architect's recommendation.

**Discussion:**

Chief Crowson presented his recommendation for repurposing the building which was different from the Architect's recommendation.

Chief Crowson noted that repurposing the building will limit liability issues but it will not eliminate liability issues. Mayor Voveris said that after the Town receives the reports from Dr. Warren and the ICMA, Council can consider moving forward with expanding the existing building.

Chief Crowson said that he would organize and manage the repurposing project and the cost would be minimal (moving a camera to the Conference Room, adding key pads and key cards, electronic/computer costs associated with moving the equipment).

Chief Crowson stated that he did check with Sussex County regarding the \$25,000 grant, and the County confirmed that there was no problem using the grant money for the Police Station expansion plans that the Town purchased in FY2017.

**Amended Motion and Vote:** Councilmember Shaw amended the motion to adopt the recommendations of Chief Crowson for repurposing the Police Department Building rather than the Architect's recommendations. Councilmember Boteler seconded the motion. The voting was as follows:

FOR THE MOTION: Mayor Voveris and Councilmembers Shaw, Boteler, Callaway, Stevenson, and Weisgerber

AGAINST THE MOTION: None

The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

**REVIEW OF FY2017 BUDGET**

Councilmember Boteler gave a PowerPoint Presentation titled *Town of South Bethany FY 2017 Budget VS Actual Unaudited* (attached). Before giving the presentation, Councilmember Boteler thanked the Finance Director and the Budget and Finance Committee Members for their work on the presentation.

Councilmember Boteler took questions from Council and the public throughout the presentation.

During discussion, Councilmember Boteler agreed to revise the information in the Significant Expenditure Differences slides. The attached presentation includes those revisions.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE TO APPOINT JOE MORMANDO TO THE CANAL WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE**

A motion was made by Councilmember Weisgerber, seconded by Councilmember Shaw, to appoint Joe Mormando to the Canal Water Quality Committee. The motion was unanimously carried.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE TO ADD SOUTH BETHANY TO THE MAYORS' STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT TRUMP'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT**

After a discussion that included Council and public comments, Mayor Voveris asked for a motion. No motion was made.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Town Manager Update – Met with an attorney and two representatives from Verizon Wireless who advised that next year Verizon Wireless will be installing small, unobtrusive wireless antennas on DelDOT's poles in South Bethany to boost signals in Verizon's wireless data network. The Town Manager stated that other cellular companies will have the opportunity to come in as well. The Town Manager noted that this is due to legislation that is going to be signed next month. Verizon Wireless will keep the Town updated as they move forward.

Kent Stephan (46 S. Anchorage Ave.) – Stated that he believes the water in the S. Anchorage Canal is clearer due to the oyster gardens. Mr. Stephan added that there is tremendous citizen support for the oyster gardens and floating wetlands project. George Junkin (8 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St.) stated that the Town has a means to take the measurements scientifically over a period of time.

Councilmember Callaway brought forward the following comments on behalf of Diann Nazarian (20 Peterson Dr.) – Requested that the grasses and dirt in the Town's right-of-way on Evergreen Rd. between Route 1 and the top of the triangle be removed. Ms. Nazarian also requested that the Town ask Middlesex to trim the bushes back on their side of Evergreen Rd.

Councilmember Callaway – Requested that a review of the microsurfacing project be put on the July 27, 2017, Town Council Workshop Meeting Agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilmember Shaw, seconded by Councilmember Weisgerber, to adjourn the June 22, 2017, Town Council Workshop Meeting at 3:25 p.m. The motion was unanimously carried.

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Attachment: PowerPoint Presentation titled Town of South Bethany FY 2017 Budget VS Actual Unaudited