

TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JUNE 27, 2014

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Voveris called the June 27, 2014, Town Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 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. Linda O'Malley; Cpl. Mark Burton; and Administrative Assistant Pam Smith

APPROVAL AND VOTE OF THE AGENDA

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

PROPERTY OWNERS' PARTICIPATION

- Jack Wise (146 Evergreen Rd.) – Complained that when the contractor picks up the yard waste he attempts to throw it into the truck but misses and the yard waste stays in the street. Mr. Wise has seen this happen on Cleveland Ave. and Evergreen Rd. Mayor Voveris asked the Town Manager to follow up on this at the next meeting.
- Mike Matera (311 W. 9th St.) – Stated that the Artesian Water Bill includes a charge for fire hydrants. Mr. Matera said that South Bethany property owners who do not have Artesian water are not paying fire hydrant charges. Councilman Junkin noted that all South Bethany property owners get the benefit of the fire hydrants. Mr. Matera believes that all South Bethany property owners should be paying fire hydrant charges. Mayor Voveris said she will look into it.
- Bob Cestone (140 New Castle Dr.) – Regarding the fire hydrant charge on the Artesian Water Bill, Mr. Cestone believes the cost for Artesian to find out the properties owners not receiving an Artesian Water Bill and sending those property owners a bill would probably cost everybody more. Mr. Cestone noted that the fire hydrant fee is \$4.16 a month. He also stated that the fire hydrant fee is regulated by the State. Councilman Gross said it might be hard to implement, but it probably would be worth discussing with Artesian.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- **Town Council Workshop Meeting Minutes, April 23, 2014** – A motion was made by Councilman Gross, seconded by Councilman Junkin, to accept the April 23, 2014, Town Council Workshop Meeting Minutes as amended as follows:

Page 4, Tenth Paragraph: Delete "said" after "Councilwoman Callaway".

The motion was unanimously carried.

- **Town Council Workshop Meeting Minutes, May 22, 2014** – A motion was made by Councilman Gross, seconded by Councilman Junkin, to accept the May 22, 2014, Town Council Workshop Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.

- **Town Council Executive Session Minutes, May 22, 2014** – A motion was made by Councilman Junkin, seconded by Councilman Rae, to accept the May 22, 2014, Town Council Executive Session Minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.
- **Town Council Organizational Meeting Minutes, May 31, 2014** – A motion was made by Councilman Junkin, seconded by Councilwoman Callaway, to accept the May 31, 2014, Town Council Organizational Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

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

My first few weeks in office have been dominated with meetings. I attended our Sea Level Rise meetings, the CIB meeting to propose installing high density oyster cages and floating wetlands in our dead end canals, and the Town Council meetings in Bethany Beach and Fenwick. The Town Council meetings prompted some improvements to our current Council meeting agenda.

I met with Mayors of Bethany Beach, Dewey, and Ocean View, and Town Managers of Bethany Beach and Fenwick to learn about our neighboring towns and how we might work together in the future.

Melvin and I attended a S.C.A.T. Steering Committee breakfast in Georgetown where we learned Bill 81 was back on the floor for a vote to unionize municipal employees. (It has since been defeated.) Additionally, we learned Bill 333 was up for a vote on limiting the ability of municipalities to impose new fees. (The bill has since passed and I will bring details on this at the July Council meeting.)

Since March I have been calling the Attorney General's office to schedule a meeting on FOIA information. Deputy Attorney General, Ed Black, has responded and committed to a meeting on July 25th at Town Hall. In addition to what he prepares for presentation he has agreed to bring answers to questions I will submit from our Town Council.

Bethany Beach has invited me to ride in their July 4th parade. I am happy to report my company will include Collin and Sophia Damato, two beautiful children from South Bethany.

This morning I attended an EPA meeting in Dover that was held for Mayors of Delaware to discuss climate change and specific issues of air quality, Sea Level Rise, and heat. George Junkin and I traveled with the Bethany Beach Mayor and Vice Mayor. The meeting had about 30 people in attendance, including 6 Mayors.

During June I have spent considerable time with Lt. O'Malley to learn about our police operations. I thank her for her help in enlightening me and her dedication to continually work on improving our operation. Linda retires on July 1st after 23 years of service to South Bethany. I commend her for her work and acknowledge her with applause. Thank you, Linda!

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

The Ambulance Service Report and the Code Enforcement Constable's Report are available on the sign-in table.

The Town receives Municipal Street Aid from the gasoline tax based on the Town's mileage and population. Normally the Town receives about \$53,000 a year. There was a move afoot in the State Legislative Session (which ends Monday at midnight) to try to take, in South Bethany's case, \$10,000 from the Town's funding to fund other areas of the State, but the

City Manager's Association, the Sussex County Association of Towns (SCAT), and the Delaware League of Local Governments (DLLG) lobbied our representatives and the Towns did get the money back. Senator Hocker led the charge on this issue for the municipalities.

When Councilman Phillips came to Town Hall for a small ceremony regarding the Sussex County grant the Town received for a new four wheel drive ATV, Councilman Phillips said there was more money available if the Town had an appropriate need. Beach Patrol Captain Ryan Dacey suggested the need for new automatic external defibrillators (AEDs). The Town asked for money for two new AEDs and received a total of \$1,400 from Sussex County Councilmen Phillips and Cole. The Beach Patrol now has two new AEDs.

The University of Delaware is sponsoring a rip current seminar on Thursday, July 10, for beach patrols. South Bethany's Beach Patrol Captain and a couple of other South Bethany Beach Patrol members will be attending.

- **Treasurer's Report**—Councilman Saxton reported:

The FY 2014 Budget year-end has closed and is undergoing audit at this time. The auditor is making adjustments and entries to correct and obtain a final bottom line. The draft audit report is anticipated around July 14. Councilman Saxton anticipates reporting on final close of FY 2014 no later than September. Councilman Saxton stated that there is a surplus in the unaudited report of approximately \$170,000, and he does not anticipate any significant change to that number. FY 2014 has undergone review by the Budget and Finance Committee and the committee did not see anything unusual.

- **Police Department Report/Questions**—Lt. Linda O'Malley reported for the month of May, 2014:

The department received approximately 50 calls for May. The following report covers the highlights from the month:

01 May: Assisted Fenwick Island PD with a vehicle collision. The Fenwick officer's patrol vehicle was stopped on the shoulder of the northbound lane of State Rt. 1, north of the Chamber of Commerce, (he was conducting a DUI traffic stop) when his patrol vehicle was struck from behind by another vehicle travelling northbound. The collision pushed the patrol vehicle into the DUI suspect's vehicle and the striking vehicle overturned on to its roof. All individuals involved including the Fenwick officer were transported by EMS for treatment of injuries. Luckily the Fenwick officer walked away with just very minor injuries.

03 May: Officer stopped a vehicle on State Rt. 1 for a fictitious registration number. An electronic check indicated the male driver's license was suspended and he was wanted by the New Castle County Court of Common Pleas on two capias warrants. The officer took the driver into custody and had the vehicle towed. The officer transported the suspect to JP Court 3 in Georgetown where he was informed the suspect was also wanted by State Police Troop 4 for a felony theft. The suspect was arraigned and transported to the Sussex Correctional Facility in lieu of \$5,820 secured bond.

08 May: Responded to a residence on West 6th St. in reference to a report of a deceased person. An elderly female who was under hospice care suffered a cardiac arrest. Her family was with her at the time.

08 May: Responded to a residence on Petherton Dr. in reference to an income tax scam. Unknown suspects used the victim's social security number to file a fraudulent income tax return with the state of Maryland. The victim received a refund check in the mail for \$942.00.

09 May: A male suspect who was wanted out of JP Court 2 for traffic offenses and criminal charges turned himself in to the on-duty officer. The officer transported the suspect to JP Court 1 where he was arraigned and released on an unsecured bond.

17 May: Responded to a residence on Brandywine Dr. in reference to a loud party complaint. The officer made contact with the renter and shut down the party without incident.

18 May: Officer stopped a vehicle on State Rt. 1 for a traffic violation. The male driver and one male passenger were under the legal drinking age and found to be in possession of a cooler containing alcoholic beverages. The officer instructed the two boys to dump the alcohol out onto the shoulder of the roadway and issued the driver a traffic summons for speeding and the passenger a town code violation for underage possession of alcohol.

19 May: Responded to a residence on Petherton Dr. in reference to a loud party complaint. The officer made contact with the occupants who agreed to keep the noise down. Another officer responded to the same residence the next morning for another loud noise complaint and issued the renter a town code citation for violation of peace and good order.

26 May: Responded to a residence on Layton Dr. in reference to a report of a verbal domestic between two males and a female. The officer instructed one of the males and the female involved in the incident to leave the residence and not return until the next day. They left without incident.

27 May: Responded to a residence on Russell Rd. in reference to a report of credit card fraud. Unknown suspect(s) used the victim's credit card to make six fraudulent charges.

27 May: Responded to the Indian River Inlet Bridge to assist a DSP Troop 7 unit with a suicidal female who was threatening to jump off of the bridge. The officers were able to talk the woman down and she was transported by the DSP unit to Beebe Hospital for evaluation.

29 May: Responded to a residence on West 3rd St. in reference to a public assist/check on the welfare call. A male subject called the suicide hot line and a phone trace conducted by SUSCOM indicated the call was originating from the residence on West 3rd St. However, investigation revealed the called was traced to the wrong address.

30 May: Responded to State Rt. 1 & Bayard Rd. in Fenwick Island to assist a Fenwick PD officer with searching for a drunk and disorderly male subject who had fled from the officer. After an extensive search, the suspect was eventually located and taken into custody by the Fenwick officer.

30 May: Responded to the Sea Colony Marketplace on Coastal Highway to assist DSP Troop 4 units with a domestic incident in progress between a male and a female. When the officers arrived on scene, only the female involved was present and she informed them that the male subject had left the area and was armed with a handgun. The male subject was located shortly afterwards by a DSP unit who removed a loaded firearm from the man and took him into custody. He was in possession of a valid concealed weapons carry permit, but was under the influence of alcohol.

31 May: Responded to a residence on Petherton Dr. in reference to a loud noise complaint. The officer made contact with the occupants who agreed to keep the noise level down.

31 May: Responded to the Turquoise Restaurant parking lot to assist a Bethany Beach PD unit with a DUI traffic stop. The driver attempted to lock himself in his vehicle and had to be forcefully extracted. He was taken into custody by the Bethany Beach officer and arrested for DUI.

Officers responded to a total of 7 false residential security alarms during the month of May.

June Bug Report to this point (it is not final):

- The June Bug season seems to be longer this year. In the past it has consisted of two distinct weeks. That is not the case this year.
- This year a lot of the houses the department is having trouble with are properties that are privately rented, they are not rented through a real estate agent.
- In the past the June Bugs stayed predominately on the ocean front which made it easy to patrol the one street. This year the June Bugs have moved to different places (streets) on the west side of Route 1 which makes it more difficult to patrol.
- The department has had 17 incidents to respond to this year as compared to 8 incidents last year.

- The following is a list of incidents: loud parties, underage possession with an arrest, two complaints which ended up in an arrest, suspicious juveniles on Bayshore Dr., a complaint of a fight on Bayshore Dr., criminal mischief on S. Ocean Dr. where a back window of a car was busted out, two reports of bicycles stolen but were recovered, a lost iPhone which was also recovered, egg throwing around Anchorage Dr. and mailboxes smashed, and signs stolen on Ocean Dr. near Logan St.
- When there is an incident regarding renters at a property that is being rented privately, Lt. O'Malley stated that the department sends the property owner a letter (by certified mail). Later in the discussion Lt. O'Malley stated that a lot of times the department does not get a response back from the property owner that was sent a letter.
- Cpl. Burton stated that if the property is a private rental, 18-year-olds can sign the lease, which is what the department is having problems with this year. Cpl. Burton added that if the property is rented through a realty company, the lease has to be signed by someone at least 25 years old and the adults have to be in the house.
- Councilman Rae suggested being proactive next year regarding the rental properties where the department had to send letters to this year, possibly notifying them that there was a problem last year.
- Councilman Junkin stated that there is something in the Town Code that if there is a repeated offense the property owner can lose their rental license.
- Cpl. Burton stated that the schools that the June Bugs are from this year are different than in past years.
- Cpl. Burton stated that the department has problems locating the houses the June Bugs are staying in when the property is being rented privately because there are not realtor signs saying that the property is a rental.
- Regarding a loud party, Councilman Gross inquired if they quiet down when the police warn them or are there repeated loud parties. Cpl. Burton stated that if the department has repeated loud parties the police can usually charge them. Lt. O'Malley stated that 99% of the time they quiet down.
- Councilman Gross said that maybe Council should take a look at strengthening the ordinance regarding this. Cpl. Burton noted that the Town has a peace and good order ordinance.
- Councilwoman Callaway suggested calling the property owner initially in addition to sending the property owner a letter to make them aware of what is going on at their house. Cpl. Burton said the department has done that in the past but it comes down to does the property owner want to deal with the police or do they want their rental income. Cpl. Burton stated that a lot of people err on the side of money.
- Councilwoman Callaway noted that the Town sent out a detailed letter with the June Bug rules and regulations to every property owner with the Application for Rental License or Non- Rental Declaration form. Councilwoman Callaway suggested that maybe the Town has to think of something different.
- Mayor Voveris suggested putting in the Application for Rental License or Non-Rental Declaration mailing an additional letter to property owners whose properties were reported the previous year.

- The Town Manager noted that some of the private rentals may not be getting a rental license from the Town as has been discussed in the past by the Budget and Finance Committee. Councilman Saxton said that is a good point and he would be interested to see if the property owners have applied for a rental license. Cpl. Burton said that the department would be able to check that. Councilman Saxton requested that Cpl. Burton check on that. Councilman Saxton said it is an ongoing discussion within the Budget and Finance Committee of how to make sure that people who are renting are paying for their rental licenses. Later in the meeting after checking the Town's records, Cpl. Burton reported that all six of the properties that were privately rented did have a rental license with the Town.

Mayor Voveris thanked Lt. O'Malley. Councilman Rae thanked Lt. O'Malley for her service. Everyone acknowledged Lt. O'Malley's service with applause.

- **Beach Patrol Report**—Capt. Ryan Dacey reported:

The Beach Patrol has had a good start to the summer getting the guards trained and up to speed. The patrol has had nine rescues due to rip currents, one beach closing due to thunderstorms, and one lost child returned to his family.

Councilman Rae asked if the rip currents are better or worse this year. Captain Dacey said they are the same and it is random. Councilman Rae asked if the patrol is happy with the new radios. Captain Dacey said yes the new radios are very nice and very clear.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2-14, A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE KATHY JANKOWSKI

A motion was made by Councilman Gross, seconded by Councilwoman Callaway, to approve Resolution 2-14, a Resolution to Recognize Kathy Jankowski. The motion was unanimously carried. Mayor Voveris noted that the resolution will be presented to Kathy Jankowski on July 11 at 6:30 p.m.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE VOTE TO APPOINT A NEW MEMBER TO THE SEA LEVEL RISE (SLR) & STORM SURGE (SS) COMMITTEE (GEORGE JUNKIN)

Councilman Junkin noted that a bio for Bob Buhner was included in Council's meeting packet. A motion was made by Councilman Junkin, seconded by Councilman Gross, to appoint Bob Buhner to the Sea Level Rise (SLR) & Storm Surge (SS) Committee. The motion was unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE & COMMISSION REPORTS

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

The Community Enhancement Committee (CEC) met on Thursday, May 29. South Bethany property owner, Lori Cicero, suggested that under her leadership the committee create a little book library which would be a boxed house that property owners use as a book in book out exchange. The committee has someone who is willing to build the box and someone who is willing to maintain it. The committee is looking at the idea and will come back with further details.

Primarily over the last month the committee has been looking at the Ocean Drive art boards. To preserve the original art work, the committee agreed that the best approach was to scan the artwork and following that a company will take the scan and prepare it on a vinyl imaging product and the image is then on an aluminum surface. Councilman Junkin noted that from a distance you can't tell the difference between the original and the copy. Councilwoman Callaway stated that as the CEC became more concerned about the lifespan of the original artwork, the

committee agreed unanimously to scan the work in order to preserve it. The substrate product has a six year life span, it can withstand any kind of weather, and if anything is done to it hopefully it can be wiped off. The cost to scan the artwork is \$3 and the cost for the print is \$140. One of the artists, Tara Grim, absorbed the cost of this process for her artwork because she wanted to retrieve her original work. The committee had enough money in its budget to preserve the other two paintings in this way.

The idea is to eventually have artwork on every walkway on Ocean Dr. and on Sea Side Dr.

The committee is going to meet again in July and decide what to do with the two original pieces of artwork which have been donated to the CEC by local artists Carolyn Marcello and Celeste Speer. Councilwoman Callaway hopes the committee can figure out something that might bring some funds back into the program so that the scanning and the imaging will be available to other local artists. The CEC's budget was limited and it is now maxed out for this project.

Councilwoman Callaway encouraged property owners to take a look at the artwork. The committee looks forward to comments from the public.

The landscaping along Rt. 1 is completed. The perennials along the walkway are thriving - that rain garden effort is working. The grasses along the median in the bio retention beds are coming up well. The east side bioretention project is completed. The Town has 11 bioretention beds along the east side. The walk through was Thursday and Sue Barton from the University of Delaware was there. She is the expert on landscaping on highways, and she is very helpful. Hopefully this will be a water quality improvement effort as well as landscaping.

The Wandering Weeders group was formed to support the Adopt-A-Canal program. The group has been assigned to various canal ends where the maintenance has been turned back to the Town or the canal ends were part of an Earth Day Project. The Wandering Weeders have fun weeding and the group welcomes anyone to join.

Andrew Chapdelaine has completed his Eagle Scout project. For his project, Andrew has identified all of the streets with signs that boaters can see from the water. Councilman Rae stated that the project is a great idea.

The Fourth Annual Adopt-A-Canal Contest will be held August 22 through September 1.

The five additional solar lights were hung.

The Maintenance Supervisor and Councilwoman Callaway met with Kyle Hoyd from the Forestry Service. There are some grant funds that the committee is hoping to get for the preservation of the Richard Hall Memorial Park. It would be a 50/50 split and there is money budgeted for that.

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

The Budget and Finance Committee report was inadvertently skipped by Mayor Voveris.

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

The Charter and Code Committee met on 6/25/14 with all members present.

The Committee agreed on the wording for three draft ordinances to be submitted for Council consideration:

1. Ordinance to amend Chapter 42, Building Construction, to add reference to repairs and delete requirement for BOA approval for building permit extensions as recently changed in Chapter 145, Zoning, by Ordinance 171-13.

2. Ordinance to amend Chapter 104, Property Maintenance, to require cutting of grass and weeds on ocean front lots. Also, reinstall a 3 council member Hearing Board to hear appeals. This was inadvertently omitted in Chapter 104 Property Maintenance, by Ordinance 168-13.
3. Ordinance to amend Chapter 114, Solid Waste, to add a 3 Council member Hearing Board.

The Committee discussed the different approaches used in Cat Hill and the rest of South Bethany to establish the allowable building height and the possibility of using one approach for all of South Bethany. It was agreed not to recommend any Code changes at this time.

It is requested to schedule Council consideration of the three proposed ordinances at the July 24 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 – Pictures are on the cover page of the Town Council Meeting Packet
 - Final walk through was done by all stakeholders yesterday afternoon. A “punch list” was developed for the vendor. It includes
 - Remove Grass Strip between bioretention area and mulch bed and replace with mulch
 - Remove Large Rocks
 - Expose small plantings that are buried under mulch
 - Clip roots protruding into planting area
 - Reshape Rip Rap spillway
 - Reseed the dead sod areas in the fall
 - **Large oyster cages and floating wetlands in South Bethany Canals**
 - A Public Meeting was held the evening of June 13 at the Town Hall to inform and get feedback from homeowners relative to the *Dead-End Canal Bio-Enhancement Project* that the CIB is working on under a grant from the WIAC Community Water Quality Improvement Grant Program. Bart Wilson, CIB Science Coordinator, presented the goals, plans and schedule for the project.
 - The project will involve installing 200 oyster cages (3 feet by 4 feet by 1 foot deep) along the bulkheads in the York Canal. Already four homeowners along the York Canal have signed up to support the project.
 - 8 floating wetlands will be deployed (total area of 600 square feet) as part of the project.
 - The schedule calls
 - Permitting in July
 - Installation of monitoring equipment and Floating wetlands in August
 - Installation of Oysters in the fall
 - Oyster floats and floating wetlands removed from canal: December 2015
 - Final report completed: September 2016

- **Bioretention areas in Sandpiper Pines**
 - A draft final report has been received for the conceptual designs and is in review.
- **Water Quality Monitoring**
 - Weekly monitoring from shore is being conducted at 14 sites in the South Bethany Canals.
 - Weekly monitoring of 15 sites along the length of the canal with diffusers, the Petheron Canal, and 15 sites along the length of the control canal, the Brandywine Canal, are conducted from a boat.
 - Twice a month monitoring is done from a boat at 6 sites in the Assawoman Bay
 - The Town has procured from YSI a second hand held meter to support the above water monitoring efforts.
 - The Town has received, on loan, from Robin Tyler at DNREC two continuous monitors. Currently we have a continuous monitor in the Petheron Canal. The additional monitors will be placed in the Anchorage and Brandywine Canals so that we will be able to make better comparisons among the three canals.
- Diffuser Pilot Program – The diffusers have been turned off for one month to see what happens. If anything bad happens they will immediately be turned back on. Councilman Junkin added that since the diffusers were put in and the Town started comparing the two canals, the one with the diffusers had less oxygen in it then the one without the diffusers. Councilman Junkin said that is an unexpected result.
- **Sea Level Rise (SLR) and Storm Surge (SS) Committee** – Councilman Junkin reported:
 - Grant Activity
 - *Sea Level Rise Adaptation – Baseline Survey*
 - The three Public meetings to present SLR & SS issues and elevation survey results on May 23 and 30 and June 6 were very well attended. A total of 130 people attended at least one of the meetings
 - Additional Survey by the URS Corporation
 - Yesterday the remainder of the streets east of DE Route 1 were surveyed. We now have the elevation of all the streets in South Bethany
 - Ordinance To Provide An Option For Higher Maximum House Height Where Freeboard Is Provided
 - This was discussed in detail at the workshop yesterday afternoon
 - Council is moving forward on allowing two feet of additional height if two feet or more of freeboard is provided.
 - There was significant amount of discussion relative to tying the maximum height of a house to Base Flood Elevation instead of the center of the road or the average elevation of the lot. The first reading that will occur at the July 11 meeting ties the house maximum height to the center of the road or lot elevation as it currently is.
 - A public hearing on this ordinance is scheduled for July 11 at the Town Hall at 7 PM.
 - This morning the Mayor and I attended a Mayors' Roundtable on Climate Change in Delaware hosted by Sean Gavin, Regional Administrator, U.S. EPA Region III. The focus was on SLR & SS since most of the attendees were from coastal towns. Also discussed were concerns with increasing temperatures, clean water, clean air and reductions of carbon emissions.

- **Planning Commission** – Councilman Rae reported:

The Planning Commission met on June 11 at which there was a request for a combination of lots – a large lot and small lot that were next to each other at 158 Layton Dr. The request was approved.

There was a discussion about the strategic planning document and what might be on the website regarding that.

Discussion took place on the annual Comprehensive Plan Update that the Town Manager provides to the State. The Town is required to provide it to the State by July 1. The Town Manager noted that the Planning Commission has a copy of the report.

The last discussion was about the upcoming town survey. The Council has requested the Planning Commission to update the survey that was done a few years ago. The Planning Commission is starting some preliminary work on this.

One member of the Planning Commission, Keith Krenz, is moving to the Budget and Finance Committee and is leaving the Planning Commission. Planning Commission Chairman Dick Oliver is thinking about whether the commission needs new members or not.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Matera (311 W. 9th St.) – Noticed that the Town has a paddleboat and a canoe or kayak out back. The Town Manager said they are not the Town's. They were found floating in the canal abandoned. The Town holds them for so long and if no one picks them up the Town includes them in the public auction when the Town sells its surplus equipment and vehicles.

Marilyn Bice (308 W. 9th St.) – Stated that she had an incident on Canal Dr. with a motorist who was speeding and sprayed water on her when she was walking. Ms. Bice said she reported the incident to the police. Ms. Bice said people speed on Canal Dr. all the time and she asked if there was anything the Town could do on Canal Dr. such as put in some speed bumps. Ms. Bice noted that from W. 8th St. to W. 1st St. on Canal Dr. it is a straight shot all the way. Ms. Bice is concerned that someone is going to get hurt. She added that there are a lot of walkers, cyclists, children, and people with their dogs that use Canal Dr. extensively in the summertime.

The Town Manager stated that he believes a previous Council adopted a policy on requests for speed bumps because they were getting so many requests and they found out that the speed bumps were not doing much good. The Town Manager suggested researching to see what the policy was.

Councilman Rae suggested placing a camera on Canal Dr.

Jim Oliver, 9 S. 8th St., noted that his parents were almost killed on York Road when they were walking and got hit by a motorist. Mr. Oliver said it took that to put speed bumps in and a walkway.

Ms. Bice referred to rubber speed bumps that are in Bethany West that can be taken up in the wintertime. The Town Manager stated that the Town cannot put in the type of speed bumps that Bethany West has. Bethany West's streets are private streets and the Town's streets are public streets. South Bethany streets have to meet a certain highway specification.

Councilwoman Callaway said last year the Town had numerous complaints about the same kinds of things in Cat Hill. With Chief Deloach they explored and got some really good pedestrian signs in. Councilwoman Callaway said she does not think there are any pedestrian signs along Canal

Dr. and that could be a start. Ms. Bice disagreed and said she does not think a sign is going to make a difference. Councilwoman Callaway said it is a reminder to people.

Cpl. Mark Burton suggested putting the digital speed machine in that area. He also suggested borrowing one of DelDOT's traffic counters which if set up properly can determine how fast cars are going. This will help determine what the need is in that area.

Councilman Saxton stated that Canal Dr. is the only cross street that does not have speed bumps and motorists fly down there. The Town Manager recommended researching what the previous policy is and noted that speed bumps have to meet certain criteria. The Town Manager stated that there are a lot of streets in South Bethany that do not have speed bumps.

Councilwoman Callaway stated that the town wide survey that was done a few years ago did show a lot of requests from property owners to do more patrolling of speed on the west side. Ms. Bice agreed that more patrolling in this area would be good.

Mayor Voveris stated that she believes the speed machine would be a start, and in the meantime Council will research the policy. Ms. Bice thanked the Council.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Mayor Voveris announced the upcoming events that were on the meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Junkin, seconded by Councilman Gross, to adjourn the June 27, 2014, Town Council Regular Meeting at 8:30 p.m. The motion was unanimously carried.