

## Town of Henlopen Acres

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**MINUTES:** The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Henlopen Acres held their Quarterly Meeting at **10:00am on Friday, October 7, 2022** at Town Hall, 104 Tidewaters, Henlopen Acres, Delaware.

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| <b>PRESENT:</b> | Joni Reich           | Mayor          |
|                 | Tim Hidell           | Commissioner   |
|                 | John Staffier        | Commissioner   |
|                 | Jeffrey Jacobs       | Commissioner   |
|                 | Richard Thompson     | Commissioner   |
|                 | Beatrix Richards     | Commissioner   |
|                 | Tiffany Derrickson   | Commissioner   |
|                 | Thomas Roth          | Town Manager   |
|                 | Glenn Mandalas, Esq. | Town Solicitor |

### **[Minutes are Not Verbatim]**

#### **1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Joni Reich at 10:00 am.

#### **2. Presentation by Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company**

Mr. Warren Jones, Vice President, gave a narrative of the fire company. The fire company has three stations. Station 1 is on Rehoboth Avenue, Station 2 is on Route 1 at Airport Road, and Station 3 is in Angola. The fire company is all volunteers. The ambulance service has volunteer and paid staff. Their budget for 2022 is approximately \$3,000,000. They would like to see more financial support from Henlopen Acres. The contributions from Henlopen Acres residents and property owners averages less than \$5,000 annually. They would also like to see better house numbering, along with better lighting of same. The Board discussed possibly adding a fire service fee to future property tax billings and will discuss further at a future meeting. The Board expressed its sincere appreciation to the fire company and the volunteers who were in attendance.

#### **3. Approval of Minutes**

##### **a. Board of Commissioner's Meeting – July 8, 2022**

A **motion** to approve the meeting minutes as presented was made by Commissioner Jeffrey Jacobs and seconded by Commissioner Tim Hidell. **Motion** passed unanimously.

##### **b. Board of Commissioner's Meeting – September 9, 2022**

A **motion** to approve the meeting minutes as presented was made by Commissioner Richard Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Tiffany Derrickson. **Motion** passed unanimously.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

Financial statements as of 9/30/22 were included in the meeting packet. Treasurer Jeff Jacobs noted that the fiscal year which ended on 6/30/2022 closed better than planned. The draft financial statements prepared by the independent auditors is expected any day. The property tax invoices were issued on schedule. Seven invoices remain unpaid. After the completion of the first fiscal quarter, there are no significant surprises. There are savings in the street department with one less person in that department. There is potential for legal fees to exceed the budget.

**5. Town Manager's Report**

Seven property tax bills remain unpaid. The rental season went well, with no known incidents. The new, permanent parking tags and system went smoothly this summer. With regards to the September storm, the Town lost seven trees and few lampposts and a stop sign. The Street department continues to work hard on the cleanup.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Discussion on deer overpopulation**

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the deer population in the Town. Mr. Roth shared some suggestions from the State Fish & Wildlife department on how to keep the deer from eating plants and shrubs. With no clear way to control the deer population, Mr. Roth was charged with investigating effective methods to manage ticks, that result from the deer presence.

Commissioner Derrickson left the meeting at 11:06 am.

**b. Appointment of two members to the Tree**

Mayor Reich recommended the reappointment of Lynda Moses, 39 Pine Reach and Andi Pedigo, 69 Pine Reach, to the Tree Committee. Commissioner Staffier made a **motion** to approve the recommendations. Commissioner Richards seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by the Commissioners present.

**8. Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters in which the names, competency and abilities of individual employees are discussed, as permitted by 29 Del. C. Section 10004(b)(9).**

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters in which the names, competency and abilities of individual employees are discussed. Commissioner Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion was approved and the Board entered executive session at 11:07 am.

The Board returned from the executive session at 12:35 pm.

**9. Possible action on items discussed in Executive Session**

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to direct the Town Solicitor to move forth with the actions discussed in executive session. Commissioner Jacobs seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**10. Any other business that may come before the Commissioners**

There were no matters discussed.

**11. Adjournment**

A **motion** to adjourn was made at 12:36 pm by Commissioner Richards and seconded by Commissioner Staffier. The meeting was adjourned.

Approved: 1/24, 2023

**Also In Attendance:**

**Warren Jones - RBVFC**

**John Meng – RBVFC**

**Mike Simpler - RBVFC**

**Joe Wade – 96 Tidewaters**

**Henry Dewitt – 55 Fields End**

**Murray Padgett – 97 Tidewaters**

**Mollie Ingram – 60 Tidewaters**

**Nathalie McGregor – 3 Pine Reach**

**Maria Turner – 8 Rolling Road**