

**Council Meeting**  
**February 10, 2020**  
**7:00 p.m.**

The council meeting of Vice Mayor and Council was held on the above date and time with Council members Carrow, Smith, Brockenbrough, and DeBenedictis present with Vice Mayor Dias presiding. Recording Secretary Sue Muncey, Town Foreman Jeff Hurlock, Lieutenant Harvey Scott, Town Solicitor Scott Chambers, and Marvin Pedigo were also in attendance.

1. **Call to Order** - Mr. Dias called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge to the Flag** – Mr. Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Approval of Minutes** –

*Mr. Carrow made a motion to accept the Council Meeting minutes from 01/13/20 and the Board of Adjustment minutes from 01/27/20 in written form. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

4. **Approval of Income and Expense Report** –

*Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Income and Expense Report. Mr. Carrow seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

5. **Communications** – No Communications

6. **Report of the Chief of Police** – Mr. Scott stated there were 288 calls for service. Chief Hutson attended the Kent county Chiefs' Meeting on 1/7/20. Chief Hutson attended the Police Chiefs' Foundation Meeting on 1/9/20. Chief Hutson attended the Police Chiefs' Meeting at Dover PD on 1/14/20. Chief Hutson met with both the Smyrna and Cheswold Chiefs in Smyrna on 1/16/20. Chief Hutson and Lt. Rau went to Legislative Hall for a bill signing on 1/22/20. Chief Hutson met with DeIDOT at Town Hall in reference to traffic on Route 300 and Main Street on 1/24/20. Chief Hutson and Lt. Scott attended First Responders Night hosted by Delaware Thunder at Harrington Ice Rink. Corporal Graham attended STRIVE Training at Smyrna PD on 01/28 – 01/29/20. Chief Hutson, Lt. Scott, Lt. Rau, and Corporal Philip Bishop were present during the Intruder Alert drills at Clayton Elementary School and Providence Creek Academy on 1/30/20. Mr. Scott also stated that Dover Army/Navy will carry their uniform colors.

7. **Report of the Town Foreman** – Mr. Hurlock stated Dakota passed his water operator's class. Mr. Hurlock discussed the brush removal options. He doesn't feel he is getting his money's worth with the dumpster. It is \$200 a pull. The first option would be to haul it ourselves to Pine Tree. Mr. Hurlock stated he would speak with Carl and see if there is a dump truck from the site he uses. The second option would be to purchase a top load chipper. This would be expensive to buy. The dumpster is not working. We are not hauling enough out of the dump for what we are

being charged. Mr. Hurlock also stated that DP&L is not happy that we are using their poles. We have been using these poles for many years. He will have a meeting with the consultant to discuss what our options are. Mr. Smith asked if it was just one (1) line. Mr. Hurlock stated yes – on their transmission lines. Mr. Carrow wanted to verify the location. Mr. Hurlock stated Bassett Street and Smyrna Avenue to the substation. Mr. Hurlock stated in Grain Mill Station three (3) building permits were pulled. We do not have a contract on the electric installation. Mr. Smith asked if we had a legal stance. Mr. Hurlock stated he is standing firm. He needs to review the Subdivision Ordinance. Mr. Carrow asked if it would be inspected by us. Mr. Hurlock stated yes. Mr. Hurlock stated Ovations is moving along very well. He feels they will pull permits in June. Gary Faulkner, Dave Ross, Dakota Correll, and Jeff Hurlock will be attending a water operator’s class on February 25 – 27. Mr. Brockenbrough asked about the yard waste – do we have a use for it. Mr. Hurlock stated it would be wood chips not mulch. Mr. Smith stated we could chip it into a dumpster. We would be able to get a lot more into the dumpster.

**8. Report of the Town Solicitor** – Mr. Chambers had no report.

**9. Report from Inspections/Enforcement** – Mr. Hurlock had no report.

**10. Reports from Members of Council**

**a. Report from Electric Committee** – Ms. DeBenedictis stated there was an issue on Hudson Street. Mr. Hurlock stated it was cable wires. Mr. Hurlock stated we did very well for the amount of winds that we had last week.

**b. Report from Street Committee** – Mr. Smith had no report.

**c. Report from Water & Sewer Committee** – Mr. Brockenbrough had no report.

**d. Report from Equipment Committee** – Mr. Smith had no report.

**e. Report from Personnel Committee** – Mr. Carrow had no report.

**f. Report from Public Safety Committee** – Mr. Dias had no report

**g. Report from Budget Committee** – Mr. Smith stated a meeting is scheduled for 2/24/20 at 7:00 p.m.

**h. Report from Economic Development Committee** – Mr. Carrow stated a meeting is scheduled for 2/19/20 at 7:00 p.m. We had a question from a business reference parking. Recommendations will be sent to the Street Committee for approval.

**i. Report from Downtown Development Rebate** – Ms. DeBenedictis stated she has heard of no one putting in for the grants. She stated she doesn’t understand why people are not applying. She pointed out several residential homes and businesses that need improvements. She would like to have another meeting at the Clayton Fire Company in the near future.

- j. Report from DEMEC** – Ms. DeBenedictis stated the Governor is in favor of raising the renewables to 40% by the year 2035. Senator McDowell is retiring in June. There has also been discussion about closing the borders. This would mean all renewables would have to be purchased within the state. Mr. Smith asked if there was a specific legislation stating this. Ms. DeBenedictis stated no – just speculation. DEMEC is also working on a new strategic plan. What are your feelings about DEMEC? Ms. DeBenedictis will attend the 2-3 day sessions.
- k. Report from Board of Adjustments** – Mr. Hurlock stated the variance was approved at the Board of Adjustment meeting.
- l. Report from Planning & Zoning Committee** – Mr. Hurlock had no report
- m. Appeals Board** – Mr. Hurlock had no report.
- n. Charter Committee** – Mr. Dias stated a meeting is scheduled on 2/18/20 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone needs to review the charter.

**11. Public Forum** – No comments from the public.

**12. Unfinished Business** – No unfinished business.

**13. New Business** –

- a. Discuss and Vote on naming the new town park at Main Street and N. Bassett Street**  
Mr. Carrow stated the park was completed prior to the holidays. Everyone was given a packet. The formal dedication will be on Saturday, May 23, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. We need to discuss and vote on picking a name for the park. There are five (5) names that were given for consideration: Clayton Veterans Memorial Park, Clayton Square Park, Railroad Park, Clayton Veterans Park, and Robert E. Berghorn Memorial Park. On page 2 of the handout are layouts for the bronze plaque. Mr. Carrow stated he likes the idea of a veteran’s park. His personal preference is Clayton Veterans Park. This would encompass everyone: those who have served, those who are serving, and those who will serve in the future.

*Mr. Carrow made a motion to name the town park “Clayton Veterans Park”. Mr. Brockenbrough seconded for discussion. Mr. Brockenbrough asked the name of the other park in town. Mr. Carrow stated Rebar Park. Mr. Rebar donated the land and equipment. Mr. Brockenbrough seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

Mr. Carrow discussed the plaques. He recommended the one at the bottom right. It encompasses all forms of the military.

*Mr. Carrow made a motion to use the dedication plaque on the bottom right of the samples given. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

**b. Discuss and Vote to approve dedication date and expenses for the above mentioned park.** – Mr. Carrow spoke with the treasurer and there is money allocated to park expenses in the budget. Mr. Carrow stated it will be \$1,000 for the plaque chosen. Mr. Smith stated money is in the budget under Park Expense. We will re-evaluate if we go over budget. Mr. Carrow stated that Traci will be helping with the program and invitations.

### **Adjournment**

*Ms. DeBenedictis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.*

Recording Secretary,

Sue Muncey