

Minutes

Millsboro Town Council

Regular Council Meeting

January 4, 2010

7:00 pm meeting called to order with Mayor Larry D. Gum presiding. Present were Vice Mayor Robert Bryan, Secretary Tim Hodges, Treasurer Michelle Truitt, Council Persons John Thoroughgood and Irene Keenan. Council Person Greg Hastings arrived at 7:15 p.m. Also in attendance were the Town Solicitor Tempe B. Steen, Town Manager Faye Lingo, Development Coordinator Linda Johnson, and Town Clerk Tammy Phillips. Guests -- see attached.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Secretary Tim Hodges presented the minutes from the December 7, 2009 council meeting for Council's approval. Bryan motioned, Keenan seconded to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2009 council meeting as written; Council approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Treasurer Michelle Truitt presented the bills and bank balances to Council for approval. Thoroughgood motioned, Bryan seconded to pay the bills from the designated accounts as presented; Council approved unanimously.

GREATER MILLSBORO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Fran Bruce, Millsboro Chamber of Commerce director, wished everyone a Happy New Year and looks forward to working with the Mayor and Council in the year 2010.

MILLSBORO FIRE COMPANY - Ron O'Neal, President, presented the monthly report. The numbers are not official yet due to some reports which have not been logged, but the number of fire calls in 2009 was down by approximately 70 calls from the 488 last year. Unfortunately the number of EMS calls rose by approximately 100 from the record 1900 in 2009.

Nominations and voting for all 2010 officers took place at the December Company meeting, with Ron O'Neal and Larry Gum returning as President and Chief respectively. Swearing in of all officers will take place at the January meeting.

The awarding of the governments 2009 AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant) has now begun after being delayed for months by computer scoring errors. The Millsboro Fire Company submitted a grant which included new sets of Personal Protective Gear for both Fire and EMS personnel, as well as new hanging racks for gear storage. Funding for PPE is usually awarded to companies who can show the need for such items over other items requested so we're hoping to hear something concerning our grant in the first quarter of 2010.

The Delaware Volunteer Firefighters Association is concentrating on a number of issues in 2010, those being the budget, Voter Registration and Recruitment and Retention. Millsboro will be participating in the voter Registration program by holding one of the three training sessions on January 20th. We will also be involved in the Recruitment program through our Junior Limited Committee.

One of the most challenging aspects of 2010 will be the budget issue, with most cuts from the State and County already targeted and Further State reductions in Grants & Aid being discussed. This puts more emphasis on reduction of costs, conservation wherever possible and fund raising activities.

Four of our members have enrolled in the EMT-13 full course training sessions, beginning this evening at DSFS in Georgetown. This training is held Monday and Wednesday evenings with day long sessions on Saturdays, running through April 25, 2010.

MILLSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT - Chief John K Murphy, reported training for the police officers as follows: Sgt Lowe and Sgt. Legates attended E Crash Training on December the 1st on the DELJIS system. Pfc. Ober and Ptlm. Moyer attended Ethical Decision Making on December 8th at the DSPTA. Sgt. Legates, Cpl. Wheatley, Pfc. Berrios, Pfc. Doughty, Pfc. Morris, Ptlm. Moyer attended D.A.R.T. training on December 10th at MPD. Sgt. Legates and Cpl. Wheatley attended Glock Armorer training on December 17th in Fredericksburg, VA. This will allow Legates and Wheatley to repair the department's weapons. The department had firearms qualification on December 16th; all officers received their yearly mandated training. Lt. Calloway will be presenting his end of the year report next month. We had a checkpoint on December 26th resulting in several arrests. Citizens Police Academy is set for January 12th , Greg Hastings has signed up and all are invited. Stats for 2009 compared to 2008 are as follows: Complaints increase by 99, Assist other Agency decrease by 37, Traffic increase by 814, DUI increase by 16, Arrest decrease by 128, Accidents decrease by 9, and Miles increase by 7493.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT - No Report STREETS DEPARTMENT - No Report

WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT - Mayor Gum, reported that C&B has proposed approval of Wastewater, Contract D, Change Order No. 1, for the deduction of 4 bypass contractors in MCC 4, the deduction of a single variable frequency drive MCC 4 and the addition of Ethernet connectivity in MCC 4.

This will result in a savings of \$ 17,765.50. Thoroughgood motioned, Bryan seconded to approve the change order as presented. Council approved unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Gum appointed a committee to review the Del Point development agreement and site plan and to come back to Council with a recommendation. The committee appointed is Bob Bryan-Chairman, Michelle Truitt and Tim Hodges.

7:19 p.m, meeting adjourned Thoroughgood motioned and Truitt seconded to adjourn the council meeting. Council approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim P. Hoges

Secretary