

TOWN OF HARTLY

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 12th, 2015

Council Members Present (Interim and Newly Elected):

Raymond K. Morris	David Brown (Interim)	Mark Maguire
Christine Oldham	Victoria Norris	Suzanne Morris

Other Attending:

Dave Lawson, Senator	Jeff Spiegelman, Representative	Penny Rodimak
Jean Townson, Public Archives	Rodney Carson, Public Archives	Connie Richards
Jeff Oldham	Jeff Brown	Rena Brown
Amy Weissenfluh	Bob Weissenfluh	Stephanie Moore
Philip Moore	Cathy Smardza	Cathy Thompson-Moore
Don St. Jean	Ann St. Jean	Erin Wojcieszyn
John Smith	Deanna Jackson	R. Davis
June Myers		

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order.
 Ray Morris led the Pledge of Allegiance
 Penny Rodimak delivered Prayer

2. Approval of May 12th Meeting Agenda

May 12th Meeting Agenda was approved.

3. Review of March 18th Meeting Minutes *(Copies were available at Meeting)*

March Meeting Minutes was approved.

4. Old Business

Finance Committee

David Brown delivered envelop of donations collected at the Hartly Feed and Hardware Store. No further report, awaiting new council Affirmation to update Checking Accounts and other Financials.

Archive Review Committee

Deanna Jackson and Suzanne Morris are working with State of Delaware Archives to determine records that must be imaged and records that can be destroyed. Due to various individuals handling documents over the past 114 years, this is a time consuming task and will take a significant amount of time to complete.

Comprehensive Plan Review Committee

No report. Awaiting new council to be affirmed to office and determine the priority for completing the Comprehensive Plan.

Fund Raising

S. Morris has been inquiring about Municipal Street Aid Funding (MSAF) and will meet with K. Brittingham from DelDOT to review ability and method to obtain MSAF.

No report. Awaiting new council to be affirmed to office.

Election Committee – 2015 Election Results

Election Committee has completed the tasks asked of them. April Elections were not required, only five council positions posted and only five individuals submitted Candidate Filing Forms.

New Hartly Council Members will be affirmed this evening of May 12th, 2015. Motion made by Dave Brown to accept election candidate results; seconded by Suzanne Morris.

5. Affirmation of Office for Town of Hartly Council members

Hartly's new town council was sworn in by interim town council member David Brown. New town council are Christine R. Oldham, Victoria B. Norris, Suzanne K. Morris, Mark A. Maguire, and Raymond K. Morris. All council members recited an Oath of Office Affirmation and signed Oath of Office documentation.

6. Appointment/ Election of Town Officers

Immediately upon Affirmation of Office, the following positions were filled via nomination, election, and majority (unanimous) vote among the five town council members:

Christine R. Oldham, President

Victoria B. Norris, Treasurer

Suzanne K. Morris, Town Clerk/Secretary

Mark A. Maguire, Public Works/Building Inspector

Raymond K. Morris, Commissioner

7. New Business/Announcements

Motion made by Suzanne Morris to dismiss the 2015 Election Committee; seconded by Raymond K. Morris.

Continue with Finance efforts to determine checking account access, funds, bills, and last audit. Continue with Public Archives efforts to sort previous years of documentation.

8. Public Comment

- Senator Lawson thanked Raymond K. Morris for hanging in there over the past five years, the interim council did an amazing job with the elections, and pledged his continued support with town efforts.
- Representative Spiegelman also thanked all for a job well done and pledged his continued support to the town.
- Penny Rodimak requested Prayer at beginning of each Town Council Meeting.
- Bob Weissenfluh asked about next date of town council meeting.
- R. Davis asked about taxes and due dates.
- Charlotte Fox and Deanna Jackson suggested the council look into securing a room in the Hartly Fire Department building specifically for town use and storage of records.

- June Myers reminded all present that School Board elections were being held at Hartly Elementary School this evening (May 12th, 2015) and asked all to go vote immediately following adjournment of meeting.
- Don St. Jean, after review the “R. Casson” court records, suggested the town council request a hearing with a judge to inquiry about Rich Casson being order to maintain a life insurance policy equal to the amount of restitution owed to the Town of Hartly, with Town of Hartly being the beneficiary. Mr. St. Jean submitted a letter referencing his suggestions

9. Council Comment

- Several town council members thanked all attending for their patience and offers to help bring the town back to life. And, council asked all for continued patience as we move forward in our new roles.
- Council asked Penny Rodimak if she would be willing to lead in prayer at future meetings. (Penny Rodimak responded if she is available she would be glad to do so.)
- Council responded to inquiries of next meeting; officially the next meeting will be August 11th 2015, however possibly a June or July meeting could be scheduled. If so, a meeting notice will be posted at the Hartly Post Office, Hartly Feed and Hardware Store and on the back door of the Hartly Fire Department.
- Council responded to inquiries regarding taxes:
 - The mindset of the council is to forgive town taxes during the timeframe taxes were not sent out. There will need to be farther research and a motion made to do so. Un-paid taxes prior to those years would be considered past due. Additionally, the timeframe not billed would be recorded on the bills in the situation that some may consider paying them regardless of forgiveness.
 - Town taxes will be mailed out mid-August with a due date of October 1st.
- Town Council will consider the suggestions regarding a private town office/room at the Hartly Fire Department and determine action to be taken via a motion at an upcoming meeting.
- Town council will consider the suggestions and take under advisement with a lawyer regarding how to handle Rich Casson Restitution and determine action to be taken via a motion at an upcoming meeting.

10. Adjournment

Motion for adjournment by Raymond K. Morris, seconded by Mark Maguire.