

## **Utility Commission July 2, 2018**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Delmar Utility Commission was called to order by Council Member Smith. In attendance were Commission Members Dickerson and Dewald, Commissioner Unsell, Town Manager Bynum-King and Clerk of Council Fisher. Absent: Vice Mayor Pase. Guests: Patrick Angell

### **Approval of Minutes**

Commission Member Dewald indicated that on the first page of the June 4, 2018 Utility Commission minutes, on the 5<sup>th</sup> line from the bottom, the wording “ as built” should be one word. Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the June, 2018 minutes as amended. Commission Member Dickerson seconded the motion which passed with 4 ayes and 1 absent.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### Update on the Grove Street Water Main Upgrade

Town Manager Bynum-King stated that the project is still under review by DelDot. The Town needs a permit from DelDot for the right-of-way so we can jack and bore under Bi-State Blvd. Once we receive the permit, the project can get started.

#### Bill Diakos- Permission to connect to Town’s utility service for fire protection at the out-of-town rate

Mr. Patrick Angell was present, representing Bill Diakos on this project. Mr. Diakos will be building Delmarva Storage Facility. The facility will have an office building with one bathroom for the one employee. There will be some air controlled buildings and then some standard buildings for storage at the facility. The County standards mandate sprinklers in the units. The total number of storage buildings is 60 and the total number of units will be between 650 and 660, depending on the sizes. The project will be phased in with about 3-4 phases.

Town Manager Bynum-King informed the Commission that Mr. Diakos had come before them at an earlier meeting. The storage buildings and the office is being built on property that is not in the corporate limits of Delmar. Mr. Diakos owns the next parcel of land that is within the corporate limits of Delmar, but currently has no plans for that parcel. Mr. Diakos has been informed and he understands that if approved, he will be responsible for all the costs involved for the connection and impact fees as well as the quarterly billing.

The Town Manager informed the Utility Commissioners that when she did a survey to see how other municipalities handled water requests for fire sprinklers, no municipalities surveyed to the north or south assess fees for fire protection alone. Water and sewer is in the general area on the east side of Stage Road; on the same side of Stage Road as Yorkshire Estates.

Mr. Angell said that there will be no electrical outlets or plugs in any units and Mr. Diakos will not allow any workshops to be in his units. Mr. Angell said that the office space façade will tie into that of the shopping center across the street and in front of the storage facility.

Town Manager Bynum-King said that there will be a Public Works Agreement that will speak to the phases of the project.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve Bill Diakos request for the Delmarva Storage Facility of 60 buildings and a small office building to connect to the Town's utility services for fire protection at the out-of-town rates. Commission Member Dewald seconded the motion which passed with 4 ayes and 1 absent.

### **New Business**

Town Manager Bynum-King informed the Utility Commission that Sunday morning, the on-call Public Works employee had to report to the Pine Street Pump Station due to a power outage. Delmarva Power restored the power to the area and the on-call staff member was able to reset the pump station and get the plant back up and running. The Town didn't suffer any losses due to the power outage.

There is a pre-construction meeting scheduled for Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> for the sewer extension project for Delmar Assisted Living.

The Town Manager also informed the Commission that there was a sewer clog on the 800 block of Grove Street. The Town had to call Rotor Router to assist in the removal of the blockage since it was on the Town's side.

### **Commission's Report**

Commission Member Dewald stated that she has been serving on the Utility Commission for 12 years this month.

### **Adjournment**

Upon hearing no Public Comments, Commission Member Dewald made a motion for adjournment which was seconded by Commission Member Dickerson. The motion passed with 4 ayes and 1 absent.

Submitted by:

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Clerk of Council