

**MAYOR & COUNCIL**  
**March 7, 2022**  
**MEETING HELD IN-PERSON AND VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Vice Mayor Pase called the regular scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council of Delmar, Delaware to order at 7:00 P.M. This meeting is available to the public, in person with limited seating and via teleconference. In attendance were Council Members Smith, Jones and Kemp, Town Manager Bynum-King, Police Chief Barkley and Clerk of Council Vondell Spencer. Absent: Mayor Houlihan  
Guests: Mayor Jorden, Cory Shaffer, Angel Ibarra-Martinez, Linda Morris, Penny Glasgow and Tom Bauer.

**Mayor's Comments**

Vice Mayor Pase called the meeting to order and performed a roll call to confirm there was a quorum. A quorum was established.

Vice Mayor Pase said that Mayor Houlihan was out of town for the week and she thought he needed the rest and time away with his family. He will be back next month.

**Approval of Minutes**

Vice Mayor Pase called for a motion to approve the February 7, 2022 meeting minutes as prepared. A motion seconded (Smith/Jones) and carried with a roll call vote count: 4 Ayes and 1 Absent (Houlihan).

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

**Committee Reports:**

Student Advisory-

Angel Ibarra-Martinez reported: 1.) Last Friday and Saturday students hosted the Wizard of Oz play musical, they worked really hard and it was absolutely amazing. 2.) Boys Varsity Basketball ended the season with an unfortunate loss to Tower Hill School 44 to 60. It was a great 2022 season with the record 12 to 7. 3.) Delmar Junior and Senior Prom, A Starry Night, will take place at Kylan Barn on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The Grand March will be held at the football field from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the school. Many students and parents are looking

forward to this. 4.) Spring sports are returning and students are practicing for a great 2022 season.  
Police Chief's Report

Chief Barkley-reported: 1.) The department received about 18 new applications, however far less than that show up for testing. As of Saturday, he has 7 applicants left. As bad as that may sound, he still feels pretty upbeat about it, like we are in a good position. He intends to put at least three in the next academy class and hopefully two more in the following. Vice Mayor Pase asked was July the first academy class. Chief answered yes July is the first and December is the second, there are two per year. 2.) Official notification was received today that Cpl. Keith Heacock's name will go on the National Memorial in Washington, DC. The name will be formally dedicated on May 13<sup>th</sup> at the 34th candlelight vigil for police week. 3.) We continue to deal with issues with our two favorite watering holes in Town. We are on top of it though, nothing serious has occurred yet it's been fairly minor stuff as well as our one unruly house over on the Delaware side that we have talked about.

Council Member Jones asked about the progress on the website. Chief answered he went into the office of the people that not only do but host our website about a week ago and was told he was a month too early for our appointment. So, this month we will go in and finish up everything with the website.

Council Member Kemp inquired about the bodycams. Chief responded kudos to Heather Chandler, Supervisor of Finance, because she got through to them where he couldn't just last Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup> and they said the bodycams are in the warehouse to be shipped very soon and they will send us shipping information. He hasn't received any as of yet. Town Mgr. Bynum-King added she had Ms. Chandler to give them a call because there were some adjustments to be made within the contract itself. Chief said he is thankful that Ms. Chandler was there to make that call because he was not in a real good place dialing their number and not getting an answer. Town Mgr. Bynum-King inquired if it was the sales representative that Chief could not reach. Chief replied yes; however, he was finally told that their sales representative is no longer with the company.

Code Enforcement Officer Report – In mail packet.

Public Works – In mail packet.

Utility Commission Report –

Council Member Smith reported: 1.) We spoke with Mr. Myers about an out-of-town sewer request. He is still investigating what he wants to do. 2.) We revisited property owner Prebenda, 4 W. Grove Street and we decided they did not need a reimbursement of the funding that they were requesting. We hope for the best and in that area, they were the only house that had a problem. Vice Mayor Pase said Town Foreman, Mr. Buck said he would check that main occasionally to see that things were going smoothly.

Planning & Zoning

1. **Narek Hovhannisyan/Euro Homes – New Construction – Lot 63, 11765 Buckingham Drive, Delmar, DE** – Signed and stamped site plan received 2/28/22.

Deputy Mayor Lenox called for a favorable recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to the Mayor and Council for – Narek Hovhannisyan/Euro Homes – New Construction – Lot 63, 11765 Buckingham Drive, Delmar DE, conditional upon the delineation of the proposed 18-foot-wide driveway.

Vice Mayor Pase called for a motion to approve – Narek Hovhannisyan/Euro Homes – New Construction – Lot 63, 11765 Buckingham Drive, Delmar, DE, per the attached drawings. The motion was made/seconded (Smith/Kemp) and carried by roll call vote with 4 Ayes 1 Absent (Houlihan).

### **Town Manager’s Report**

Town Mgr. Bynum-King reported: 1.) On April 8<sup>th</sup> Sussex County Association Town SCAT is having its legislative breakfast in town at the Cheer Community Center, starting at 8:30 a.m. 2.) The annual MD/DE Spring Clean-Up will begin in April. In Delaware the spring cleanup is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> ; Maryland will be April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The list of items that will be eligible for collection will be posted on Facebook. There will also be a breakdown of which area will be collected on the selected days. 3.) The next Joint Budget Workshop will be, Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

### **Council Comments**

Council Members Kemp, Jones and Smith had no comments.

Vice Mayor Pase commented we’ve got good notice about our clean-up and you could let your neighbors know that we will be there to help them do whatever, in fact, she had it written down also to mention it was on Facebook.

### **Public Comments: -**

1. Tom Bauer asked Council Member Jones had there been any update on the Blackwater Creek Project, has he heard anything from the county. Council Member Jones answered he is unaware about it because it’s in the county. Town Mgr. Bynum-King added no there is nothing new regarding it.
2. Tom Bauer asked when is the actual election day, when is the registration deadline to vote, do you register to vote just in Delmar or in Sussex County. Town Mgr. Bynum-King answered the Town has supported the new legislation for municipalities to accept the State Voter Registration system, however she would like to confirm that the legislation passed. Mr. Bauer provided a copy of the City of Milford’s legislation to change their charter to adopt the State proposed legislation regarding the State voter registration system.
3. Tom Bauer asked Chief Barkley if the information about the candlelight vidual could be put

on the Town's website so people can attend. Chief Barkley said he could provide the information.

4. Linda Morris questioned if the Blackwater Creek Project is different from the Horsey Ranch Project. Town Mgr. Bynum-King replied she was unfamiliar with the Horsey Ranch Project.
5. Linda Morris commented she had the opportunity to speak with Carol Hamilton who is intimately involved in this Horsey Ranch Project and is full of information and very organized. The last Sussex County Meeting it was said that project was paused. She urged the Mayor and Council to form a task force committee for that project.
6. Linda Morris commented does Delmar know what they want to be when they grow up, she would like to clean up this Town before any substantial growth. She also encouraged MD and DE to have joint meetings.
7. Linda Morris asked is there a possibility to get some additional Spring Clean-Up type activities to clean-up the town and some advertisement for this clean-up to get more people involved and get more active in cleaning up their yards, properties and trash picked up.
8. Linda Morris asked is there a way to outsource some of the cost that Public Works is unable to get to like street sweeping and cleaning up leaves.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made/seconded (Kemp/Smith) and carried by roll call vote with 4 Ayes 1 Absent (Houlihan).

Submitted by:

Clerk of Council