

**Utility Commission
September 3, 2019**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Delmar Utility Commission was called to order by Vice Mayor Pase. In attendance were Council Member Smith, Deputy Mayor Unsell, Commission Member Dewald and Town Manager Bynum- King.

Approval of Minutes

Commission Member Dewald notated that on page 2 of August's minutes, the wording of "work shop" should be one word. Commission Member Dewald made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Council Member Smith seconded the motion which passed with 4 ayes and 0 absent.

Unfinished Business

Update- Grove Street, Water Main Upgrade

Town Manager Bynum-King said that the construction portion of the project is complete. The contractor has been back on-site to reset the brick pavers that were disturbed during the construction. The contractor was also on-site working on the removal of the stockpiles along Pennsylvania Avenue and Grove Street areas.

The Town Manager said that so far there have not been any complaints from the residents about water pressure.

Last month, the Town Manager informed the Commission that she would be attending the Wicomico County Council Public Hearing in reference to the County's water and sewer plan amendment to include the Delmar Assisted Living Facility in the Town's utility service area. She did attend the meeting and Wicomico County Council did vote to approve the water and sewer plan amendment as proposed..

New Business

Town Manager Bynum-King informed the Commission that the Stage Road Water Main Extension Project has been awarded to ECM, Inc. and there was a pre-construction meeting on August 28th. The contractor will be presenting a proposed construction schedule within the week for the Town's review and approval.

Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager did inform the Commission that the newest Public Works staff member is attending water operator classes at Del Tech Community College to obtain his water license and become a water treatment operator. Currently we have 3 Public Works staff that have their water operator's licenses.

The Waste Water Treatment Plant, in the last few months, has been maintaining operations within the State's permit established for the facility. Town Manager has arranged a meeting with the owner of the 3rd Wave Brewery; Sue Ellen Vickers, Town Engineer Jason Loar,

Superintendent of Wastewater Treatment Plant Alonzo Hardy for next Friday, September 13th. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the way in which we can work together to reduce the overall negative impact the Brewery's release of a bad batch has on the wastewater treatment testing results causing violations with the Town's MDE permit requirements.

The Public Works staff had several major water leaks that needed to be repaired. In total there were of five (5) water mains and laterals. All five leaks occurred on the Delaware side of Town.

Commission Comments-

Deputy Mayor Unsell said that the Maryland Municipal League dinner is on the same night as the October meeting. He will not be attending the October meeting due to the dinner and will not be attending the November meeting due to being on a cruise.

Adjournment

Commission Member Dewald made a motion for adjournment which was seconded by Council Member Smith. The motion passed with 4 ayes and 0 absent.

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