



# TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING

January 28, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

The Kure Beach Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, January 28th, 2019 beginning at 6:00 pm. There was a quorum of Council and the Town Attorney was present.

### COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Craig Bloszinsky  
(MPT) David Heglar  
Commissioner Joseph Whitley  
Commissioner Allen Oliver  
Commissioner John Ellen

### COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

None

### STAFF PRESENT

Town Clerk – Nancy Avery  
Finance Officer (FO) – Arlen Copenhaver  
Building Inspector – John Batson  
Police Chief – Mike Bowden  
Recreation Director – Nikki Keely

Mayor Bloszinsky called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Reverend Dan Keck gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Appoint Dan Lockwood to the Marketing Committee as a full Member
2. Appoint Debbie Hayden to the Community Center Committee as a full Member
3. Approve application for TDA funding totaling \$193,019.21 for lifeguard services the Summer of 2018
4. Approve application for TDA funding totaling \$25,362.50 for OFP entertainment
5. Approve application for TDA funding totaling \$5054.16 for 2018 Kure Beach Fantasy Christmas Show
6. Approve application for TDA funding totaling \$8,800 for Pleasure Island Chamber of Commerce summer concerts
7. Minutes:
  - December 18, 2018 Public hearing
  - December 18, 2018 Regular

MOTION- Commissioner Ellen made a motion to approve the consent agenda with item #2 of appointing Debbie Hayden to the Community Center Committee as a full Member moved to later in the agenda.

SECOND- MPT Heglar

VOTE- Unanimous



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## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to add agenda item #2 to the the agenda

SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE- Unanimous

## DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF PERSONS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Tony Karboski & Connie Mearkle, 454 North Fort Fisher Boulevard, change to previously approved encroachment

Tony Karboski stated:

- Council previously approved 27feet last year for swimming pool
- Now needs 30 ft due to Hurricane Florence
- 5ft shorter than previous requests

Building Inspector Batson commented he has no concerns regarding the request.

Attorney Andy Canoutas stated Council should approve subject to their attorney providing amended encroachment agreement with map.

MOTION- Commissioner Oliver made a motion to approve the change to the encroachment subject to a copy of amended encroachment agreement to be approved by the Town Attorney.

SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE- Unanimous

## DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Question from Audience:

On the Dow structure we we're told you can't touch it because it would become the Town's responsibility but the residents that owned those lots have already removed a lot of it, so does it still fall on Dow to remove it. He was out to dinner last night with a gentlemen who works for Dow and he said he would see if he could look into it.

Council Comments:

Commissioner Whitley commented yes it does.

Mayor Bloszinsky stated the Town has asked for assistance from Senator Tillis office to see if they can help us get their attention.



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Commissioner Whitley reached out to Representative Harper Peterson regarding the Dow structure and he is working on getting him more information. It would be a project that would take 90 days to do the reconstruction of the dune line and would have to be done outside of turtle nesting season. We don't know how large the structure is or how far down it goes. Estimates could say it will cost 1.5 million dollars but then next thing its 3.5 million.

Mayor Bloszinsky stated it is a tremendous structure and if you're on private property you may touch it but on State property you will not touch it.

## DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD BUSINESS

### 1. Administration

Town Clerk Avery stated:

- Re-entry Decal packet being mailed out this week
- Two re-entry decals per property owner
- Residents utility bill will be enclosed so it's important not to throw packet away
- Includes letter from Mayor Bloszinsky explaining the new process

### 2. Fire Department

Mayor Bloszinsky commented no representative for the Fire Department tonight as Chief Ed Kennedy is absent from this meeting as he is celebrating the birth of his son

### 3. Public Works Department

Public Work Director Mesimer had to leave for an emergency but MPT Heglar reported:

- Outfalls on beach, T&H is hoping to start this week weather permitting and this is already included in budget
- 1004 1/2 Handicap ramp is in the hands of the structural engineer, we have received a permit to make it wider
- Received a quote for rebuilding of the walkways following beach nourishment which is \$1,200 dollars for materials as most of the work will be done in house
- Water meter replacement engineer is getting project estimate together and should have together in a few weeks but Public Works Director Mesimer will discuss more at the retreat later this week
- Paving has been held up by the weather as it needs to be warmer
- Paving will be in the spring for Sloop Point, Seaward Ct, and M Ave

Bill Moore Ocean Dunes HOA representative stated:

Ocean Dunes received information from the surveyor and will need the pipe to be 26 inches which is 2 inches larger than previously thought. So his engineer is finishing up his final report and should hopefully get it to Building Inspector Batson shortly.



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### 4. Recreation

Mayor Bloszinsky asked if there were any rentals for February as the Community Center is a revenue producing asset to the town.

Recreation Director Keely stated there was one Saturday rental.

## DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

### 1. Naming Committee Meeting Status

Mayor Bloszinsky stated:

- The new Fire Station is a beautiful new structure to our Town
- Recommendation comes from the Naming Committee
- We will need to advertise for 30 days for public comment
- Mayor read attached letter in agenda packet
- Naming Committee recommends naming it *Heglar Station*

Commissioner Whitley commented he agrees 100% with the Naming Committees recommendation.

MPT Heglar stated the family appreciates the recognition and is very honored by it. It has been a great honor to serve the Town.

MOTION- Commissioner Ellen made a motion to accept the proposal from the Naming Committee to name the Fire Station "Heglar Station" and put it out for public comment for 30 days.

SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE- Motion carried with an affirmative vote, of four to one with Mayor Bloszinsky, Commissioners Oliver, Ellen and Whitley. Mayor Pro Tem Heglar recused himself.

Mayor Bloszinsky directed the Town Clerk to put it out for public comment.

### 2. Town Facility Construction Project Status Update

- New building schedule/progress and challenges

Commissioner Oliver stated:

- Fire Chief is out with new son
- Fire department has moved in and it is working well
- Department is enjoying the new station
- Had a couple trainings already in the new training room
- Town hall should have initial punch list completed by Thursday and turned over to the contractor this week for any corrections
- Project budget is strong



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- Major amount of work on the expansion of the police department into the fire department has started and is moving along nicely

Commissioner Ellen asked if there were funds available to change the roof on the old Fire station to match the new roof on the other buildings.

Commissioner Oliver stated they were working on getting a cost estimate for the new roof of the fire station. Hopefully will receive next month.

Mayor Bloszinsky asked if the project was still on schedule.

Commissioner Oliver stated he thinks we are but has asked the contractor to give us realistic dates.

- Dedication plaque placement

Commissioner Oliver stated:

- Town Clerk provided information for suggestions on the plaque
- Picture in agenda packet on the left at Ocean Front park shows it is on pedestal
- Advises doing the same type of plaque for outside Town Hall
- Don't have room on exterior walls to mount because of all the glass
- Need to look at wording for plaque
- Needs to mention on the plaque the Council that started the project, the Town Attorney, Engineer, Architect, and the construction company

Mayor Bloszinsky asked Council to give their opinions on the wording for the plaque.

Commissioner Ellen stated he preferred option 2.

Commissioner Oliver stated to stay consistent with what has been done previously he would like it to list Council. He prefers option 1 with addition to adding the names he just discussed.

MPT Heglar commented he doesn't have much of an opinion, but would rather have it inside Town Hall.

Mayor Bloszinsky stated he preferred option 2.

Commissioner Whitley stated option 2 is fine.

MPT Heglar commented he thinks it should recognize the citizens and the employees of Kure Beach and would like to come up with an option 4.



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Mayor Bloszinsky and MPT Heglar to present wording to Council for the Town Hall plaque.

- **Dedication Ceremony**

Commissioner Ellen explained:

- In the agenda is the first draft of the ceremony
- Ceremony is to dedicate the new buildings
- Dedication will not just be for the Fire Station but all new buildings
- Draft lists a band, invocation, invitations, etc
- Need to determine set up location and decide if it will be at the Fire station or the Town Hall
- A lot of open questions in this first draft
- Asking permission from Council to form an Ad-hoc committee to start the process
- Asking for the dedication ceremony not to be till middle of April
- Invite the town residents, local community and the Governor

Mayor Bloszinsky stated this plan was very well thought out but need to add the former Council and Former Staff.

Commissioner Whitley commented we should hold the dedication ceremony on a Saturday for all to be able to attend.

Commissioner Ellen stated there was a lot of people willing to help plan as Recreation Director Keely has volunteered and Town Clerk Avery.

Mayor Bloszinsky asked Attorney Andy Canoutas if he would need to make motion to appoint the ad-hoc committee.

Attorney Andy Canoutas stated the Mayor can appoint one.

Mayor Bloszinsky appointed Commissioner John Ellen chair of the ad-hoc committee to start the process of the dedication ceremony.

### 3. Discussion of Living with Coyote Education

Mayor Bloszinsky stated:

- Coyotes are foraging on state land
- Coyotes only come on Town land when needed
- On March 4<sup>th</sup>, place still to be determined the Town will have the Department of the Interior come hold an educational session on how to live with coyotes



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- It will explain certain things you should and shouldn't do
- Don't put out food for the coyotes
- Thank you to former Mayor Mac Montgomery who did the initial work on getting the Department of Interior to come give the educational session.
- Rebecca Sike will be here to give the educational session
- Council to invite others on the island

Commissioner Oliver commented he thinks we need to make sure the State Parks are involved.

MPT Heglar stated he wants to tape the meeting if possible so others can listen after to the educational session. We would need to let the presenter know we will tape the session.

#### 4. Review of committee/board policy

- Faithful attendance for P&Z / BOA, follow up from 12/18 meeting
- Planning and Zoning and Board of Adjustment restriction of members serving on more than one board

Commissioner Whitley stated:

- Last time we discussed that for P&Z and BOA no more than 3 excused absences in a rolling 12 month period.
- He agrees with this and thinks it is what Council should do
- Second item is members can't currently serve on another board while serving on a state required board
- One gentlemen does currently serve on more than one board
- This came up because we're currently filling the P&Z alternate position and a gentlemen applied that is currently already serving on a board
- This was caught by the Town Clerk.
- Need to uphold or change the policy

Mayor Bloszinsky asked Attorney Andy Canoutas is there a reason why they can't serve on more than one state board.

Attorney Andy Canoutas commented it was for political reasons why they couldn't serve on more than one board. The reason it was stopped was because it was becoming self-serving so this prevented it from happening.

MPT Heglar asked Town Clerk Avery if this was for public office.  
Town Clerk Avery stated yes.



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P&Z Galbraith stated that this is standard procedure to not be able to serve on more than one board.

MOTION- Commissioner Whitley made a motion that faithful attendance for P&Z and BOA to be defined as no more than 3 excused absences in a rolling 12 month period

SECOND- MPT Heglar

VOTE-Unanimous

Commissioner Whitley commented if you're on P&Z he thinks it's a good idea you're on nothing else.

MPT Heglar stated he is fine with the policy staying the way it is currently.

Mayor Bloszinsky stated that it sounds like we're going to uphold the rules, so that is our consensus. Asked the liaison of SLABP to speak with the individual.

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to schedule a public hearing for February 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm to change chapter 19 in the code for the defined definition of faithful attendance for BOA and P&Z.

SECOND- Commissioner Oliver

VOTE-Unanimous

MPT Heglar stated he has a questions concerning emergency operations and damage assessment. If a P&Z or BOA member wants to be on the damage assessment team post hurricane or part of the emergency operation center that should be acceptable. He is unsure how to address this but he doesn't want people who serve on P&Z or BOA to not be able to help Building Inspector Batson.

MPT Heglar and Building Inspector Batson to provide wording for section H of the committee policy regarding damage assessment and emergency management to ensure no restriction on who may serve to help the community

## 5. Project Updates:

Rebuilding of Alabama Beach Access grant.

Town Clerk Avery stated:

- Received the CAMA permit
- It will be straight instead of zigzagged
- Engineering firm is finishing up the construction plans





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- Her office will apply in April for the CAMA grant
- Need drawing before we can get an estimate

Mayor Bloszinsky stated grants aren't awarded till September so we will be struggling a little bit through this season.

- Update on Beach access points damaged by the storm

MPT Heglar commented Public Works Director Mesimer is working on the walkway cost estimate which they will do in house. He asked when dose think they're going to get to us for sand. We need to get that scheduled.

Mayor Bloszinsky stated that he told the Corps of Engineers that we're going to get started as soon as we receive the sand because we can't wait till season.

- Ocean Dunes progress update

Building Inspector Batson stated he needs Councils clarification for what is the expected role of the Towns engineer regarding the storm water pipe.

MPT Heglar stated to ensure it has the same outflow or better than it did before it was damaged so we won't have storm water problems on 421 highway.

Building Inspector Batson reported the sand bags were installed at 1100, 1300, 1500, 1700, 1800, and 2100 buildings and Ocean Dunes will be applying for a permit to start placing sand over the bags in the next couple weeks.

6. Parking implementation plan for the summer of 2019, any additional parking or street directional signs that need to be determined
  - Adding parking bumpers to E, I Avenue and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Mayor Bloszinsky stated due to the public input on parking there will not be any significant changes to parking on the North part of Town.

MPT Heglar commented we will be enforcing parking in the street. Some people think since there are no changes we're going back to how it was but that is not correct. Our communication message to the citizens for the summer needs to be that. Right now it is not a big problem, but thinks it will be with the changes the Towns north of us are making regarding parking, and he is concerned about that.



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Mayor Bloszinsky stated we will enforce the parking. The south part of Town will have some identified parking and he believes according to the last meeting he needs to give Public Works Director Mesimer some direction on where to define the parking. Will need signs on E, I Avenue and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Commissioner Whitley stated this needs to be complete by Easter weekend.

MPT Heglar commented we won't allow any overnight parking as well.

Mayor Bloszinsky stated we have no overnight parking anywhere in Kure beach.

8. Discussion of drainage study, including the Military Operations Terminal at Sunny Point ditch review walk through

Commissioner Ellen gave review of the MOTSU ditch tour walk through on MOTSU property. Ditches were mostly clear and water was running. There were 3 parts of the ditch that could be cleaned.

Commissioner Whitley stated he will be talking with MOTSU to see if in May members of Council can walk the ditches again before the start of the hurricane season, and then in August to ensure the ditches are clean.

Resident, Denise Hubbard on Cutter Court, said she will be bringing before Council at a future meeting a PowerPoint and information she has gathered from other residents in the area regarding the flooding from Hurricane Florence.

## DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

1. Update on Storm Damage Reduction Schedule for the Beach

Mayor Bloszinsky Stated:

- Attended pre construction meeting 6<sup>th</sup> of January
- Contractor is on site off shore updating the surveys for how much sand is lost
- Located currently in Carolina Beach on the North End
- Should mobilize in Kure Beach by February 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Additional funding is available for replacement of some piping and outfalls
- Should be finished by the end of April

2. Appoint Debbie Hayden to the Community Center Committee as an alternate member

MOTION – Commissioner Ellen motioned to appoint Debbie Hayden as an alternate member of the Community Center Community.



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SECOND - MPT Heglar  
VOTE - Unanimous

## MAYOR UPDATES

## COMMISSIONER ITEMS


## ADJOURNMENT

MOTION- Commissioner Ellen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.

SECOND-MPT Heglar

VOTE- Unanimous

ATTEST:

  
Nancy Avery, Town Clerk

  
Craig Bloszinsky, Mayor

NOTE: These are action minutes reflecting items considered and actions taken by Council. These minutes are not a transcript of the meeting. A recording of the meeting is available on the town's website under government>council.