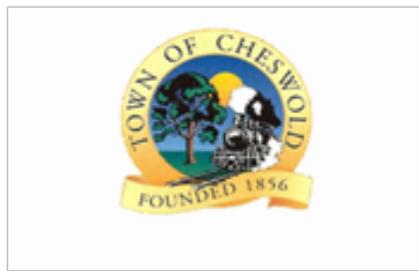


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**Town of Cheswold
Minutes of the Organizational & Monthly Town Council Meeting
Monday - April 3, 2017
6:00 p.m.
Cheswold Fire Hall
371 Main Street
Cheswold, Delaware 19936**

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The 2017 -2018 Town of Cheswold Town Council Organizational Meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Larence Kirby at 6:10 om. He followed by leading the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a Moment of Silence.

Vice Mayor Kirby then introduced Town Administrator and Secretary/Treasurer Sam Callender.

• **Introduction of Council Members to be Re-Installed**

Mr. Kirby introduced Robert W. Sine as the former Mayor and Councilperson to be re-installed. Mr. Sine resides in Fox Pointe and has been elected to serve and/or volunteered, as either a member of Council and/or Mayor for approximately 14 years.

Additionally he explained that Mrs. Judith Johnson was also scheduled to be re-installed as a Councilperson, but due to a family emergency she would be absent from this meeting and be re-installed at next month's Council meeting.

• **Swearing-In of Former Mayor Sine**

Following the introduction of Mr. Sine, the Vice=Mayor proceeded to swear in Mr. Sine as a Council Member to the Town of Cheswold for the next two years.

• **Introduction of New Council Member**

Vice Mayor Kirby then introduced the newest member of the Council as Mr. Matthew Asinger. A resident of Nobles Pond. Mr. Asinger became eligible for the Council as a result of living in Cheswold for one year, since the annexation of the Nobles Pond development in November, 2015. Mr. Asinger was not elected to the Council, but became a member as a result of the Council not receiving a sufficient number of applicants to hold an election. Mr. Asinger will serve on the Council for the next two years.

• **Swearing-In of New Council Member**

Following the introduction of Mr. Asinger, the Vice-Mayor proceeded to swear him in as thr newest member of the Council of the Town of Cheswold

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- **Election of Town Mayor**

Vice Mayor Kirby then asked for nominations for the position of Town Mayor, which was made by Councilperson Sam Callender. She made a motion to re-elect Robert W. Sine as Mayor. A second to the motion was made Councilperson Asinger and the votes on the motion were unanimous.

Councilperson Asinger – YES Councilperson Callender – YES Councilperson Sine - YES

After the election of Mayor Sine, Vice-Mayor Kirby ceded the remainder of the conduct of the meeting to Mayor Sine.

- **Appointment of Town Officials**

Mayor Sine then made the following appointments:

- Larence Kirby – Vice Mayor
- Theon, (Sam) Callender – Secretary/Treasurer; Town Administrator and all other positions

Mayor Sine concluded the Organizational Meeting by thanking Donald F. Tinari for his service on the Council and to the Town and wished him the best for his future. He then provided an opportunity for other Council members to speak about Mr. Tinari. Mrs. Callender informed attendees that last year, the Council appreciated Mr. Tinari for his years of service and sacrifice to the Town with the gift of a plaque and an appreciation service at the Fire Hall.

Mr. Tinari thanked the Town and Council for the opportunity to serve by saying it was time for him to leave because he used to be young and feisty and now he's old and fussy, but he will remain open to doing what he may be capable of doing to improve and maintain the Town of Cheswold.

Mayor Sine then conducted the:

MONTHLY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

The following persons were in attendance:

Mayor Bob Sine
Vice Mayor Larence Kirby
Secretary/Treasurer Theon Callender
Councilperson Matthew Asinger

Excused: Councilperson Judith Johnson

Police Department: Chief Christopher Workman - Excused

Planning Commission: 0 Town Employees: 0 # Residents: 25 Unspecified: 0

NOTICE:

Notice of this meeting has been made in accordance with the Delaware Open Meeting Act, by properly posting it on March 15, 2017, on the Town of Cheswold website at: <http://cheswold.delaware.gov>. Copies of the agenda were posted outside the Cheswold Town Hall; in the local Post Office; at the Fox Pointe Management Office and on the Official Web Site for the Town of Cheswold, at <http://cheswold.delaware.gov>; and was filed with the Clerk of the Town of Cheswold on March 27, 2017. Copies of the agenda were available for pick-up at the Town Hall.

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MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sine, at 6:20 pm and was the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence, was eliminated as it was done in the immediate previous Public Hearing meeting, held at 6:00 pm, in the same location as this Council Meeting.

PROPERLY POSTED: Based on the dates of the posting of the meeting and the agendas, Mayor Sine acknowledged that the meeting had been properly posted.

ROLL CALL:

The Mayor requested Secretary Callender to conduct a roll call of Council members and attendance was confirmed as noted above. A quorum of members was presented to the Mayor and the meeting continued.

AGENDA REVIEW:

Mayor Sine requested the Council review the accuracy of the agenda and for a motion to accept as presented or to make changes and amendment requests as needed.

A motion to accept the agenda as revised was made by Vice Mayor Larence Kirby and seconded by Councilperson Asinger. A roll call vote on the motion resulted in a unanimous vote to approve.

REVIEW of PEVIOUS'S MONTHS MEETINGS:

Mayor Sine requested the Council to review the accuracy of the previous month's minutes and for a motion to accept them as presented or to make changes and amendment requests as needed.

The minutes to be reviewed were as follows:

- March 6, 2017 - Public Hearing
- March 6, 2017 - Monthly Town Council Meeting

A motion to accept all the minutes of the previous month, as presented was made by Vice Mayor Kirby and Secretary/Treasurer Callender made a second to approve the motion.

A roll call vote on the motion resulted in a unanimous vote to approve.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Mayor requested Council to make any necessary statements or to make a motion to approve the following Treasury Reports:

- a. The Treasurer's Reports for the **Month of March, 2017** are as follows:

Monthly Cash Flow Comparisons	
TOWN of CHESWOLD	March, 2017
Cash Receipts	\$ 35,620.48
Cash Disbursements	\$ 63,964.62
Negative Monthly Cash Flow	(\$ 28,344.14)

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TREASURER'S REPORT "continued":

ADMINISTRATION	March, 2017
Cash Receipts	\$ 6,092.89
Cash Disbursements	\$ 47,645.38
Negative Monthly Cash Flow	(\$ 41,552.49)

POLICE DEPARTMENT	March, 2017
Cash Receipts	\$ 3,401.13
Cash Disbursements	\$ 12,405.00
Negative Monthly Cash Flow	(\$ 9,003.87)

PUBLIC WORKS	March, 2017
Cash Receipts	\$ 26,126.46
Cash Disbursements	\$ 3,914.24
Positive Monthly Cash Flow	\$ 22,212.22

c. The Treasurer's Report, **(Account Balances)**, for the **Month of March, 2017** is as follows:

As of:	March, 2017
Capital Account	\$ 20,007.93
Cheswold Heritage Day Account	\$ 3,869.15
Eide Grant Fund Account	\$ 4,665.75
Fire Company Account	\$ 32,423.29
General Fund Account	\$ 311,652.22
Land Use Applicant's Account	\$ 26,966.98
Litigation Account	\$ 10,969.29
Municipal Street Aid Account	\$ 36,856.41
Salle Grant Fund Account	\$ 1,573.55

d. Requisitions -

Req. #	Department	Vendor	Item	Amount	To Be Paid By
R7-00130	Police Dept.	Advantech	Security Sys.-Ini. Deposit	\$2,300.00	Violent Crimes
R7-00132	Police Dept.	Federal Firearms	DSP - Recruit Ammo	\$ 865.00	Police Dept.
R7-00134	Police Dept.	Engine Performance	Crown Vic - Sensor	\$ 352.36	Police Dept.

A motion to approve the Treasurers Report was made by Councilperson Asinger. Vice Mayor Kirby made a second to the motion and a roll call vote on the motion resulted in a unanimous vote to approve.

e. Proposed Purchases -

P.O. #	Department	Vendor	Item	Amount	To Be Paid By
Secretary/Treasurer requested that the Council approve an additional \$20,000 for the Town Hall renovations. as a result of work that is required to repair and restore integrity to the roof and prevent water leakage behind the siding and to order furniture. (Note: Prior to the vote, a remark was made by an attendee - see Community Comments).					

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TREASURER'S REPORT *"continued"*:

Vice Mayor Kirby made a motion to approve the request of Secretary/Treasurer Callender and Councilperson Asinger provided a second to the motion. A roll call vote resulted in a unanimous approval of the motion.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

a. **Month of March, 2017**

TAX REPORT: FISCAL YEAR 2016 - 2017

Total Amount Billed: \$151,176.00

Payments as of:

Current Year: Past Due Paid:

07/31/2016	\$ 27,202.78	\$ 285.89
08/31/2016	\$ 75,146.49	\$ 602.45
09/30/2016	\$ 10,577.59	\$ 462.72
10/31/2016	\$ 1,460.42	\$ 227.86
11/30/2016	\$ 69.62	\$ 41.31
12/31/2016	\$ 604.45	\$ 295.09
01/31/2017	\$ 702.93	\$ 341.94
02/28/2017	\$ 976.29	\$ 176.00
03/31/2017	\$ 721.78	\$ 76.61

The Tax Report was accepted by the Mayor and Council as presented.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – *Chief Christopher Workman:*

Chief Workman was excused from the meeting, but delivered the following report to the Secretary/Treasurer during the following week:

- **84th Municipal Police Academy**
Recruit Eric Ketterer is in his third week at the Academy and is moving along. All indications are that he is doing well.
- **Departmental Renovations**
Renovations of the Police Department portion of the Town Hall are complete and the police officers are now working in their new area. Some minor items need to be completed for total functionality and the computer system needs to be updated, as it relates to daily operations.
- **DEA Drug Take Back Day**
The Cheswold Police Department will participate again in the DEA Drug Take Back Day, which is scheduled for Saturday, April 29th, from 10 am until 2 pm.
- **Delaware Police Chiefs Seminar**
From May 15 – May 18, 2017, Chief Workman and Cpl. Susan Kline will be attending the Delaware Police Chiefs Seminar in Dewey Beach, DE.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – “continued”

- **Law Enforcement Memorial**

On Wednesday, May 3, 2017, events will be held to honor those officers who have lost their lives, in the line of duty in the State of Delaware. A wreath ceremony will be held at the DSP Academy in the morning and another ceremony will be held at 1200 hours on the Green at Legislative Hall, in Dover, DE.

- **Traffic Summons –**

Officers issued 123 traffic summonses during the month of March.

- **Monthly Activity Report -**

Officers responded to or completed reports for 124 Incidents for the month of March, 2017. Nine, (9), incidents were handled by outside agencies after hours or not dispatched.

- **Monthly Incident Report – March, 2017**

911 Disconnects = 2	Fireworks = 0	Rape = 0
Accidents-H/R = 1	Fraud = 0	Relay = 2
Accidents-PD = 3	Fugitives = 5	Repossessions = 1
Accidents PI = 0	Harassment = 0	Resisting Arrest = 0
AED/CPR = 0	Lock Jock = 0	Robberies = 0
Alarms = 1	Lost Property = 0	Sex Crimes = 0
Alcohol Violations = 0	Lost/Stolen Tag = 0	Shoplifting = 2
Animal Complaints = 0	Loud Party = 0	Shots Fired = 0
Assaults = 0	Medical Transport = 0	Solicitation = 0
Assigned in Error = 0	Megan’s Law = 2	Stolen Vehicle = 1
Assist Other Agencies = 18	Mental Patient = 0	Suspicious Noise = 0
BOLO = 2	Misc. Investigation = 0	Suspicious Person/s = 2
Burglary = 1	Missing Person = 0	Suspicious Vehicle/s = 0
Burning = 0	Noise Complaint = 0	Terroristic Threat/s = 1
Check on Welfare = 1	Offensive Touching = 1	Thefts = 1
Civil Dispute = 0	Open Burning = 0	Traffic Hazards = 0
Court Violation = 0	Open Door/Window = 0	Traffic Hazard/Service = 0
Criminal Impersonation = 1	Ordinance Violation = 0	Traffic Violations = 30
Criminal Mischief = 0	Overdose = 0	Trespass = 1
Curfew = 0	Parking Violation = 0	Unassigned = 3
Custody Dispute = 0	Pay Job/Special Duty = 2	Unfounded = 0
Death Investigation = 1	Pedestrian Stop = 0	Vehicle/s - Abandoned = 0
Disorderly = 3	PFA Service = 0	Vehicle/s - Disabled = 0
Domestics = 3	PFA Violation = 0	Vehicle/s - Recovered = 0
Drugs = 3	Property Checks = 13	Vehicle/Unauthzd Use = 0
Dumping = 0	Psychiatric Incident = 1	Warrant Service 0
DUI = 1	Public Assistance = 6	Weapon - Gun = 0
Fight = 0	Pursuit = 0	Welfare Check = 7

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PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Secretary/Treasurer Sam Callender (Read by Vice-Mayor Kirby)

- **Status Report** – The report was not submitted in time for the meeting.:

	<u>PERMITS ISSUED</u>	<u>NEW VIOLATIONS</u>	<u>CLOSED VIOLATIONS</u>	<u>BUSINESS LICENSES ISSUED</u>	<u>BUILDING INSPECTIONS</u>
March, 2017	9	5	2	7	2

- **CODE ENFORCEMENT PROPERTIES**

- **11 Commerce Street** – A notice of Violation has been sent to the property owner regarding discarded debris on the front porch of the premises. Thus far nor response or action has been taken to abate the violation. A second notice of Violation will be sent to the owners. **PENDING**
- **30 New Street** – Electric is disconnected. Town continues to wait a response from Town Attorney on the Sherriff’s sale process and Council’s demolition decision. **PENDING**
- **33 New Street** – Grass violation. Phone numbers for owner Doug Wissman have been disconnected. A certified letter of the violation was sent on October 31, 2016. There has been no contact or action from the owner regarding the Notice of Violation. **PENDING**
- **41 Commerce Street** – A 2nd Notice of Violation has been sent to the property owner regarding discarded debris on the front porch of the premises. As there has been no response a third and final Notice of Violation will be sent to the owners. **PENDING**
- **53 School Lane** – The structure has been demolished and the property owner has begun removing most of the debris located on the premises. There are still cinder blocks and wooden entry steps that also need to be removed. The Owner has been contacted again by formal letter regarding removal of the remainder of the debris. A third and final Notice of Violation will be sent to the owners. **PENDING**
- **176 Boggs Run** - A condemnation placard has been placed upon the premises and shall remain affixed until such time as the premises is once again made fit for human habitation. Currently there has been no further attempts by the residents to clean he premises. Therefore, it shall remain condemned until sufficient progress has been made to abate the situation. They have also been instructed to remain in contact with the Code Office for inspections, as any progress is made to clean up the premises. Upon a second visit to the premises and speaking with lady it was observed that no significant efforts have been made to abate the conditions of the home. She also received a visit from the Office of Veteran Affairs on March 17. She will also be notified that she must retain the Condemnation sign on the front door until such time as the conditions are corrected. **PENDING**
- **179 Commerce St.** – A notice of violation has been to the property owner regarding discarded debris in front of the premises and underneath the 2nd floor access stairs. The office has since received notification that the owners shown in Town records are denying ownership. They will be sent a second Notice of Violation along with photographs of the violations and a copy of Kent County records recording them as the owners. **IN PROGRESS**

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – “*continued*”

- **215 Commerce St.** - Repairs are still in progress. The issue of the installation of a well to provide waer to the residence has been discussed with the property owner. The issue of a well to provide water to the residence has been abated and a CO has been issued for the three apartments in the building. **COMPLETE**
- **Blanton Mobile Trailer Park:**
 - **30 Leyland Lane** – Clean-up of the outside property has significantly improved and is nearly complete. A second Notice of Violation has been issued for the remainder of the debris on the lot and the vehicle which is in a state of disrepair. A third and final Notice of Violation will be issued to the resident.
IN PROGRESS
- **Town Hall**
 - **Parking Lot** – Revisions to the quote from Gateway Construction are required in order to accommodate the balance of funds available for the project. Town Engineer June Andres is coordinating the changes. **PENDING**
 - **Office Re-design** – Renovations began on January 23, 2017, and is scheduled to continue for approximately two, (2), months. The Police Department is mostly complete and operational. However, Town Administrator Callender has been informed that the donated funds will be totally expended before the Town Hall portion of the renovation can be completed. And the contractor has determined that a repair needs to be affected for the roof, in order to prevent water from draining between the siding and the building. In addition, furniture, blinds, and storage cabinets are required to complete the renovation. These needs are why Mrs. Callender requested the approval of an additional \$20,000 to complete the renovation.. **IN PROGRESS**
- **Construction Repairs**
 - **Main Street Sidewalk** – Friday, March 10, 2017, Vice Mayor Kirby and Town Administrator Sam Callender met with State Representative Trey Paradee and a couple of employees of DelDOT to discuss the potential for repairing the sidewalk opposite the Post Office. The discussion included the possibility of installing crosswalks between the north and south side of Main Street at the Fire House; at Parkers Run Drive and at the Post Office. The DelDOT representatives informed us that changes to the railroad crossing would be required and additional DelDOT representatives needed to be present for the discussion.
 - Friday, March 24, 2017, Town Engineer June Andreas, Town Administrator Sam Callender and State Representative Trey Paradee met again with representatives from DelDOT including those responsible who would be responsible for making repairs to the sidewalk; necessary adjustments to the traffic flow on Main Street and to the railroad crossing. We were made aware that the sidewalk cannot be repaired without effecting repairs to the railroad crossing, as the Cheswold crossing is not in compliance with ADA standards or

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• **Construction Repairs**

○ **Main Street Sidewalk**

current railroad crossing standards. And in addition to repairing the crossing, the street width would have to be reduced and a bike lane installed. DelDOT representatives agreed to attempt to find financing for some portion of the required work and Representative Paradee agreed to the same. They both promised to inform us of the cost of the maintenance. **PENDING**

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: - *Land Use Administrator Sam Callender*

- a. **Revision of Signs, Article 13 of the Land Use Ordinance – COMPLETE.** Revisions to be formalized and submitted to Town Council for review and subsequent approval, if there are no requests for additional changes, corrections or revisions. **PENDING RECEIPT FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Old Business:

- a. **Continued Review of Ordinance 05-04-15-009 Residential Rental Property Registration and Permitting** – final revisions have been completed and forwarded to Mr. Max Walton, Town Attorney for review, direction and suggestions for change if required. **RESPONSE PENDING**

b. **Status of Pending Projects:**

1. **Town Charter Update** – Town Administrator Callender suggested that the Council review and discuss the suggested Charter changes at a Council Workshop meeting, once the renovations on Town Hall are complete. The Mayor and Council agreed. **ON HOLD**
2. **MS4** – Estimates are pending. Next Consortium meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2017 at 10:00 in the DelDOT Farmington Room, 800 South Bay Road. **IN PROGRESS**
3. **DRBA Tree Topping Request** - Mrs. Callender reported that after additional investigation that she determined that the property for which the DRBA was requesting permission to top trees did not belong to the Town, but to the owners of the Stonington Development. She also reported that she provided the ownership information to Benjamin Clendaniel of the DRBA. **COMPLETE**

New Business:

1. **DRBA & Town of Cheswold Community Day** – Vice Mayor Kirby provided a synopsis of a meeting attended by Mayor Sine, Councilperson Tinari, Town Administrator Callender, and him with members of the Delaware River Bay Authority, DelDOT and Airpark Security, on March 15, 2017 at the Cheswold Airpark. In addition to the meeting, the members of the Council participated in a tour of the Airpark. At this meeting, it was confirmed that a Cheswold Community Day will be conducted sometime in June and that the DRBA will bear the responsibility for the majority of the expenses including food and advertising. Mrs. Callender was volunteered to participate on the Planning Committee for the project. **IN PROGRESS**

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New Business: *"continued"*

2. Legislative Updates

Councilperson Asinger read State Legislative Updates as provided by Lincoln Willis for members of the Delaware League of Local Government:

a. Senate Bill No. 49 – Homeless Individuals Bill of Rights

Synopsis: "An individuals housing status should not be a basis for discrimination. This bill establishes a "Homeless Individuals Bill of Rights that provides rights to protection for individuals experiencing homelessness including protections from discrimination while in public and while seeking access to housing, employment and temporary shelter. This bill vests important investigatory and enforcement authority with the State's Division of Human Relations and the State Human Relations Commission, similar to their roles with Delaware's Equal Accommodations Law and Delaware's Fair Housing Act."

b. Proposed Municipal Election Bill

Synopsis: To be proposed by Representative Jacques to resolve recent issue issues with municipal elections regarding how many days a candidate has to file a campaign committee with the State after announcing or filing their candidacy with the State. The bill will propose to remove municipal elections from the relevant statutes of the State and allow municipalities to follow their own rule as designated by their Charter.

c. House Bill 47 – Notarization of Absentee Ballots

Synopsis: Removes the requirement that absentee ballots be notarized. DE is the only state in the Union that requires that absentee ballots be notarized and since a voter may be charged a fee to have the ballot notarized, the process equates to a poll tax, which is unconstitutional.

d. House Bill 13 – Dangerous Dogs

Synopsis: This bill proposes to re-define the definition of a dangerous dog which is currently defined under 80 Delaware Law Title 16 as:

§ 3076F. Finding to declare a dog dangerous; duties of owner

(a) The Justice of the Peace Court may declare a dog to be dangerous if it finds by clear and convincing evidence that the dog has done any of the following:

(1) Killed or inflicted physical injury or serious physical injury upon a human being.

(2) Killed or inflicted serious physical injury upon a domestic animal, provided the domestic animal was on the property of its owner or under the immediate control of its owner.

e. House Bill 38 – Well Bill

Synopsis: A revision to the original bill has been drafted that provides if a municipality has an Ordinance concerning the construction of wells, then the local Ordinance will trump DNREC approvals and if Ordinances don't exist then DNREC will control well approvals in your municipality.

2. Legislative Updates *"continued"*

f. House Bill 58 – Solar Panel Installations

Synopsis: The bill has been released from committee. It overrides unreasonable restrictions on the installation of solar panels already on the books of municipalities and HOA's.

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COMMUNITY COMMENTS: The following comments/questions were made during the meeting, but addressed by the Council at the end of the meeting, as scheduled on the agenda. They are not recorded in order or verbatim:

- **UnNamed Attendee – *Why are you spending \$20,000 on a double wide?***
 - **Town Administrator Callender** – Because the Town does not have the funds required to build a Town Hall and Police Department that will meet all the police security and ADA; DNREC; and EPA requirements at this time. The roof needs to be repaired to maintain the integrity of the building and the employees of the Town have the right to expect to work in the most comfortable, efficient and safe environment that we can provide at this time.
- **Gerald Green – *Is the Treasurer’s Report available on line?***
 - **Secretary/Treasurer Callender** – Treasury Reports for the previous month, (which is the report presented at a current meeting), become available on line, the month after the meeting, typically within one week of the Council approving the minutes of the previous month. Mrs. Callender provided an extra copy of the previous month’s, (March, 2017), to Mr. Green after the meeting.
- **Gerald Green – *Is Parliamentary Procedure used at these meetings?***
 - **Vice Mayor Kirby** – The Council makes motions and takes votes to indicate for the record that they have knowledge of the issue which requires approval. Typically that information is provided to Council during the month prior to the meeting.
- **Gerald Green - *Are Roberts Rules of Order used at these meetings? I’m very familiar with Roberts Rules and discussion is required before a vote becomes final.***
 - **Resident Rodney Callender** – As Town residents we elect the members of the Council to represent us in the decision making process and if we are not satisfied with their decisions then we have the right and opportunity to elect someone different every two years.
 - **Town Administrator Callender** – Our Town Charter does not require the Council to conduct meetings by Roberts Rules of Order and there is nothing from the State Attorney Generals office or State Laws to require us to do so. The purpose of taking a vote is as Vice Mayor Kirby said. It is to record the issue that was addressed and to record who was in favor and who was against the issue. If anyone from the Community has an objection to the vote, they have the opportunity to voice during the Community Comments section of the agenda and if anyone on the Council is convinced to change their vote, they will make a motion to rescind the earlier vote and the voting process will be conducted again. It has been done successfully in the past.
 - **Resident Troy Roberts – *Most Towns elect their Council members to vote on bills and proposals.***
 - **Resident Denise Portner – *How would we be privy to bill so we have knowledge?***
 - **Town Administrator Callender** – I believe you’re talking about a couple of different issues.
 1. Most of the items voted on by the Council at our monthly meeting are normal monthly reports of Town activities and the Council is acknowledging that they are aware of the activities.

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COMMUNITY COMMENTS: *"continued"*

2. Then there are Land Use activities and/or new Ordinances, which are Town laws. In these cases, Public Notices of the issue are posted in the newspaper; on the Town website; in the Post Office; on the Town Bulletin Board; in several Town businesses and on the property, if required, at least 15 days before a Public Hearing is held. The Public Hearing provides the opportunity for residents and involved persons to present their reasons for either agreeing or disagreeing with the issue. The Council may ask questions of the participants at the Hearing, but does not make a decision at the Hearing. Typically, a monthly Town Council meeting is held after a Public Hearing and at that time the Council makes a voting decision on the issue.
 3. Finally, there are the pending and/or proposed bills like the ones read by Councilperson Asigner tonight. These bills are produced in the State legislature and our local State Senator David Lawson and State Representative Trey Paradee vote on them. They are read at Council meetings to inform the Mayor and Council and attendees in case we wish to petition the State officials to make a vote for or against a bill. Information about these bills are transmitted to us by former State Representative Lincoln Willis who now represents the Delaware League of Local Governments, which is a consortium of local municipalities.
- **Calasha Wisher – *What is the Town going to provide for children to do in Parkers Run?***
 - **Vice Mayor Kirby** – That's a Parkers Run issue and not a Town issue. The Town has a park on School Lane which is off Commerce Street and across the railroad tracks. However, he is not going to send his 10 year daughter down there by herself, but parents are free to take their children.

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS:

Vice Mayor Larence Kirby – informed everyone that the Parkers Run HOA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, 2017 at 6:00 pm, in the Cheswold Fire Hall at 371 Main Street, at which time the HOA will be turned over to the home-owners.

Secretary/Treasurer Theon Callender – thanked the attendees for attending and expressed her hope that they will continue to attend, next month and the month after and the months after.

Councilperson Matthew Asigner – Nothing to Report

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Bob Sine – Nothing to Report

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Councilperson Callender, seconded by Vice Mayor Kirby to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. A roll call vote on the motion resulted in a unanimous vote to approve. The meeting adjourned immediately thereafter.

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CHESWOLD FIRE HALL
371 Main Street, Cheswold, Delaware
ATTENDEES

Baker, Melinda	Resident
Brown, Kenneth	Resident
Brown, Sandra	Resident
Burke, Jamshed	Resident
Callender, Rodney	Resident
Dickerson, Keisha	Resident
Duggins, Ronald	Resident
Jones, Joseph S.	Resident
Nume, Peter	Visitor
O'Connor, Ebony	Resident
Partner, Denise	Resident
Proffitt, Gerald	Visitor
Razzak, Abdul Majid	Resident
Recit, Barbara	Resident
Royal, Shereka	Resident
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