

9.3 Committee Updates – The Easter drive-thru was a success. Aaron Moore brought up the idea of looking at the committees and re-appointing people to the committees. Some of the members of the committees have not responded to requests for feedback.

9.4 **Tabled** - Charter Change Project

9.5 Sidewalk/drainage issue at 311 Main St. – Construction on the drainage ditch has been completed. It hadn't yet rained to test the effectivity of the ditch. Aaron Moore advised that this was only a temporary fix to address the homeowners immediate needs and that the railroad would be doing a major project to redo the railroad crossings in town.

9.6 **Tabled** - Insight Homes Proposed Building Plans – Ingram Village

9.7 Annexation – No real change on the annexations. Some correspondence went back and forth from a property owner on Sharon's Rd. The property owner was advised that they would have to send a formal letter to the Town Council for this request. The developers of New Dale Acres have advised that they are interested in annexing into the town and have been waiting for the R2 and R3 zoning.

Aaron Moore also brought up our annexation fees and the ease of which anyone can actually annex into the town.

9.8 Zoning Ordinance Update – Aaron Moore provided an update. The R2 and R3 districts have been updated. He brought up needing to improve the commercial zoning. Basically, a builder can't build a Wawa in this town. Nothing other than pretty much an office. So, the C2 and C3 are to upgrade that a little bit. The C3 is a Highway commercial zoning. Buildings would have to be along one of the main roads, in order to take advantage of that. One of the big things is the current Zoning for the town does not allow fire station or EMS station, or Police Department to be built anywhere in town limits. The police department could probably get away with under a government use. The fire department and EMS is volunteer and have no interest in being looked at as a government use. The Council had the discussion last month about the questions we got in from Harrington for their fire department. So, this would allow the fire department to build in the future. There is a fire station right on Main Street. There is also a second miniature station, on Pine Street where on occasion they keep the ambulances over there. However, in order to update that building, it's a point of discussion

9.9 RFP Trash Service – Aaron did reach out to a couple of companies, and only one company just decided to give us a rough estimate. They said it would be about \$18 a month per house. It was what they would charge. He hadn't yet sent out an actual RFP and hasn't received any proposals that were anything in writing from different companies.

9.10 2021 Road Projects – Virginia Weller asked for a special meeting on the road projects. This was set up for Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 6:00pm via Zoom.

## **10. New Business:**

10.1 18238 Beach Highway Drainage and Water Quality – Tamara Skis couldn't find anything on the Super Fund website nor on the DNREC website. This parcel of land is partially in the town, and has once held a junkyard. There are reports of it needing remediation, as there was pollutants such as MTBE and benzene in the groundwater. There was discussion around what can be done to continue to protect the residents from any residual contamination. It was also questioned about

the Town's responsibility regarding that property and its drainage into other areas that want to be annexed into town such as Pin Oak St or Wild Cherry St.

- 10.2 McCaulley Ave signage – The property owner on the north side of McCaulley has put a sign up on the electric pole stating that the road is a private road. Motion to send the property owner a letter on behalf of the town to take down the private road sign – Tamara Skis. Second – Aaron Moore. Voting in favor of the motion: Virginia Weller, Deborah Short, Aaron Moore and Tamara Skis. Motion carried by majority vote.
- 10.3 Ingram Village Right of Way and Easement violations – Previously it was mentioned that a letter had been sent out regarding the street parking. Tamara Skis was wondering if another letter could be sent regarding the right of way and easements. Aaron Moore showed that there is a property that has an 80 ft easement. There was some discussion about what has been provided because of the tax ditch that runs through the neighborhood. Beaver Properties was supposed to produce some documentation before those properties were developed to show that there wouldn't be any concern about developing those lots. There is also a lot at 630 South Lee that has an above ground pool that could be problematic for the tax ditch, should anyone need to get down the tax ditch for maintenance.

Aaron Moore requested that until the Town is provided proof in writing that allows for building in the area, that the Town does not provide any permits for the lots.

- 10.4 Southern Grille outdoor dining – Aaron Moore did some research regarding the overall traffic and safety of the intersection where Southern Grille resides. He advised that from April 2015-April 2021. There were 14 crashes in that time. Of those, four crashes were classified as non-reportable with less than \$1,500 and no injuries, 3 were personal injury accident, and 3 were alcohol involved. Aaron Moore's conclusion was that it does not seem like there is a lot of incidents at that intersection even though the place is next to a beach highway. He further advised that in Rehoboth Beach many of the restaurants that have outdoor seating also have barriers to protect the patrons from vehicles.

At the time of the Town Meeting, businesses were allowed to be at 60% capacity. Aaron Moore suggested that if the Southern Grille wanted to make their outdoor dining a permanent option, the town should have a permitting process for that kind of change.

- 10.5 Motion that the Southern Grille be allowed to resume the same outdoor dining set up that they had, for the duration of the indoor dining restrictions or October 31<sup>st</sup>, whichever comes first – Aaron Moore. Second – Deborah Short. Voting in favor of the motion: Virginia Weller, Deborah Short, Aaron Moore and Tamara Skis. Motion carried by majority vote.
- 10.6 Business License Database – Aaron Moore wanted to know if it was possible to get a database put on the town website that lists all the businesses that are currently licensed in the town. Virginia Weller advised that the updated list is on the website. Both Tamara Skis and Aaron Moore were actively looking on the website during this conversation and unable to find it. Kim Koukaras advised how to find the database. Aaron Moore asked that the town find a way to make the listing easier to find.

**11. Correspondence: None**

**12. Recognition of Visitors:** Kim Koukaras advised that she has seen an increase in kids playing along the circle in Ingram Village. She wanted to know if there was anything that could be done about it. Tamara Skis noted that the town park has been closed for awhile due to COVID, so the kids had nowhere to play. Aaron Moore further noted that he has seen many kids playing basketball in the street and football in the empty lots. He advised that the Council may want to consider building basketball courts in the town park.

Aaron Moore further advised that there is a valid concern for the traffic around the circle. There has been an increase in motorcycle racing on Washington Ave, and many people go around the circle in the wrong direction, including the UPS truck.

Chief Von Goerres went on record to thank everyone in Ingram Village who assisted with the investigation on the attempted break-ins. He had a lot of people cooperate and were willing to supply him with videos and photos. With all the evidence that was provided, he was able to put a case together.

**13. Executive Session:** None

**14. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn— Deborah Short. Second – Tamara Skis. Roll call vote. Voting in favor of the motion: Virginia Weller, Deborah Short, Aaron Moore and Tamara Skis. Motion carried by majority vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm

Kim Hughes  
President

Oct. 13, 2021  
Date

Due to  
COVID

Tamara Skis  
Secretary/Councilmember

Oct 12, 2021  
Date