

Golf Cart Advisory Committee Minutes
Tuesday, January 15, 2019
5:30 p.m.
Town Board Meeting Room

The Golf Cart Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. in the town board meeting room at 7500 Emerald Drive.

- I. Taney Browder called the meeting to order.
- II. Martha Levey called the roll. Attending were Taney Browder, Chris Blythe, Martha Levey, Ted Harrell, Paul Buchanan, Michael Taylor, Tony Reese and Randy Martin.
- III. Mr. Browder led the opening prayer.
- IV. Mr. Browder led the Pledge of Allegiance
- V. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.
- VI. The agenda for the January meeting was adopted.
- VII. Mr. Browder and Chief Reese welcomed Randy Martin. Michael Taylor, Chris Blythe and Martha Levey were reappointed to the committee for two years.
- VIII. Old Business
 - a. Chief Reese updated the committee about the elimination of the need for annual re-inspections of golf carts. New carts registering will have to be inspected. Carts with a valid previous year's registration will not have to be inspected.
 - b. In 2018, there were 192 new registrations and 770 renewed registrations for a total of 962 golf cart registrations. \$83,000 was collected(76 HC, 713 full fee & 173 reduced taking safety class). Fee scales are \$100, \$75 if golf cart owner attended a safety meeting, \$0 for handicapped.
 - c. The initial recommendation was to set the fee at \$75. The purpose of the \$25 increase was to encourage citizens to take a safety course (which allowed a \$25 reduction in the fee) and to limit the number of people registering carts for just one week. It takes an officer 20 minutes to complete an inspection. Reducing inspections will save \$5,000 in officer time dedicated to golf carts inspection. Chief Reese said the fee is a line item in the budget and the committee could only make recommendations for any proposed fee structure changes.
 - d. Mr. Browder asked that repairs to damaged walkways include improvements to golf cart parking. Chief Reese and Mr. Martin said FEMA and beach re-nourishment projects are being addressed currently. Most of the damage done during Hurricane Florence took place on the oceanfront and sound front – not to parking places. If there are damages to walkways on the road front, the committee asked that the walkways be shortened to include more parking for golf carts.
- IX. New Business – The committee is hoping to finalize plans to present to the town board for a golf cart connector on Coast Guard Road. Chief Reese suggested reaching out to the Osprey Ridge community to inform them the committee was planning to go forward with a recommendation for construction of the project. Mr. Martin said community members are invited to speak at the February town board meeting to discuss budget priorities. Mr. Martin said the department heads would also be meeting soon during a work session to discuss the budget. Chief Reese said he would have updated information on how much is in the golf cart fee fund at the next meeting.

- X. Suggested agenda items for the February meeting – Coast Guard Road golf cart path extension
- XI. Comments from committee members – Mr. Martin thanked the committee members for their service.
- XII. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.