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6. Introduction of New Employee

a. Dean Odham, Fire Engineer I

Fire Chief Bill Walker introduced the Town’s newest full-time Fire Engineer Dean Odham. Chief Walker noted that Dean had been in fire service since 1996 starting with a Volunteer Fire Department in Edgecombe County, NC, serving as Chief for 6 years. Chief Walker said that Dean ran the family farm until 2018, and had started his career in fire service at the Tarboro Fire Department in 2015. Chief Walker noted the many fire certifications held in fire service.

Fire Engineer Dean Odham expressed his appreciation to Chief Walker for the opportunity as well as the Town of Emerald Isle for welcoming him in, his family was enjoying Carteret County, and he looked forward to many years here.

The Board and public welcomed Dean as an employee of the Town.

~~7. Presentation / Recognition of EI Police Department – NCLM Law Enforcement Risk Management Program~~

8. Presentation of US Flags – WoodmenLife

Commissioner Jim Normile accepted on behalf of the Town of Emerald Isle 25 US Flags presented by Bob Kenward, WoodmenLife. Mr. Kenward summarized the many services of the not-for-profit life insurance and financial organization that had been in existence since 1890, noting they presented flags throughout the United States to schools, churches, and other non-profit organizations. Mr. Kenward stated that since 1945 WoodmenLife had presented 2.5 million flags at no charge, in addition they presented other types of flags such as Christian flags, and NC flags to any kind of non-profit organizations to include schools, daycare centers, just to name a few. Mr. Kenward said they did 180,000 flag presentations just last year throughout the nation. Mr. Kenward also spoke of their scholarships, first responder benefits, and natural disaster benefits provided through their not-for-profit organization.

Commissioner Normile thanked Mr. Kenward on behalf of the Town, noting that Public Works Director Artie Dunn and his team would be displaying these flags on special events such as Memorial Day and July 4, courtesy of WoodmenLife.

The Board and public applauded this generous contribution to the Town.

1 **9. Proclamation / Public Announcements**

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3 Mayor Pro-Tem Floyd Messer noted the following public announcements.

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- 5 • **Golf Cart Safety Class – Friday, March 15 – 6 pm – Town Board Meeting Room**
- 6 • **28th Annual Emerald Isle St. Patrick’s Festival – Saturday, March 16 – 9am-6pm – El**
- 7 **Plantation Shopping Center**
- 8 • **Golf Cart Advisory Committee – Tuesday, March 19 – 5:30 pm – Town Board Meeting**
- 9 **Room**
- 10 • **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – Wednesday, March 20 – 9 am –**
- 11 **Community Center**
- 12 • **Dog Park Development Committee – Wednesday, March 20 – 3 pm – Community**
- 13 **Center**
- 14 • **Planning Board Regular Meeting – Monday, March 25 – 6 pm – Town Board Meeting**
- 15 **Room**
- 16 • **Coffee With a Cop – Thursday, March 28 – 9 am – 4Js Café and Bake Shop**
- 17 • **6th Annual Emerald Isle Marathon, Half-Marathon, & 5K – Saturday, March 30 – 7 am –**
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- 19 • **Neighborhood Watch Committee Meeting – Tuesday, April 2 – 6 pm – Police**
- 20 **Conference Room**
- 21 • **Emerald Isle Sea Turtle Patrol Orientation & Training – Saturday, April 6 – 10 am –**
- 22 **Emerald Isle Community Center**
- 23 • **Golf Cart Safety Class – Monday, April 8 – 6 pm – Town Board Meeting Room**
- 24 • **Fishing Tournament Executive Committee – Monday, April 8 – 3 pm – Town**
- 25 **Administration Building**
- 26 • **Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting – Tuesday, April 9 – 6 pm – Town Board**
- 27 **Meeting Room**
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29 **10. Public Comment**

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31 **Brief Summary:**

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33 The public will have the opportunity to address the Board about any items of concern not on the agenda. The
34 Mayor and Board welcome and appreciate all comments from the public, and will take these comments into
35 consideration as they make decisions on Town issues and provide direction to Town staff. Public comment is a time
36 for the Board to listen to the public’s concerns and ideas, and is not intended for a lengthy dialogue or question
37 and answer session.

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39 The Mayor, Board, and Town staff are happy to meet with any citizen during normal business hours or at any other
40 mutually agreeable time to discuss Town issues and answer any questions.

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42 There were no comments from the public.

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1 **11. Consent Agenda**

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- 3 a. **Designate Finance Director as Deputy Tax Collector**
 - 4 b. **Tax Releases**
 - 5 c. **Order to Advertise Tax Liens**
 - 6 d. **Minutes – February 12, 2019 Regular Meeting**
 - 7 e. **Resolution Authorizing Audit Services Contract Extension (19-03-12/R1)**
 - 8 f. **Resolution Authorizing VOIP Telephone Services Contract Extension (19-03-12/R2)**
 - 9 g. **Resolution in Support of the Current ABC Control System for the Sale of Liquor**
10 (19-03-12/R3)
 - 11 h. **Budget Amendment – General Fund**

12 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Normile to approve the items on the Consent Agenda.***
13 ***The Board voted unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.***

14 **Clerks Note:** A copy of all Consent Agenda items as noted above are incorporated herein by reference and hereby made a
15 part of these minutes.

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17 **12. Comments from Town Clerk, Town Attorney and Interim Town Manager**

18 There were no comments from the Town Clerk or Town Attorney.

19 Interim Town Manager Randy Martin updated the Board that the NCDOT guardrail project
20 scheduled for completion by March 30 would be delayed until after Labor Day. In addition,
21 Interim Manager Martin noted that following the Board’s budget work session Finance Director
22 Laura Rotchford was finishing this evening the submission for State grant funds in the amount
23 of \$800,000 and up to \$2 million in loan funds at 0% interest to be available for cash flow
24 purposes that would reimburse hurricane expenditures.

25 **13. Comments from Board of Commissioners and Mayor**

26 Commissioner Jim Normile commented on the beach nourishment project noting that he and
27 Rudi Rudolph made their trip out to the beach today and met with the officials putting sand on
28 the beach. Commissioner Normile said they were making great progress, the sand quality was
29 very light colored, good course sand with shell in it to help hold it together. Commissioner
30 Normile said all machinery was working and going according to plan.

31 Commissioner Dooley commented that they were 2.5 weeks out from the marathon and it took
32 over 300 volunteers to make the marathon happen with over 1,000 participants that came in
33 from all across the country. Commissioner Dooley asked that anyone wishing to volunteer
34 reach out to her.

35 Commissioner Finch said he was proud to say that they were getting ready to replace the
36 streetlights in the downtown area. Commissioner Finch said the current poles had been
37 installed many years ago, they had discussed putting banners and additional Christmas

1 decorations, and they finally had this effort coming together. Commissioner Finch said
2 hopefully within another month they would see the new poles go up and then they would come
3 up with a banner program. Commissioner Finch also noted they were changing out the lights
4 from high-pressure sodium to LED lights, which would be more economical, and would be
5 bright white which he felt would improve the atmosphere in general.

6 Commissioner Taylor noted the Fishing Tournament planning was going along very well. The
7 Tournament would take place on September 21, and the Islander Hotel and Resort stepped up
8 with the Captain's meeting being held at that venue on Friday night, with all day fishing in
9 Emerald Isle on Saturday. Commissioner Taylor said this would be an annual event and they
10 were looking for volunteers too. Commissioner Taylor asked that everyone also keep the
11 Mayor in their prayers.

12 Mayor Pro-Tem Messer thanked all for attending, noting they had all become part of history
13 tonight as they actually held a meeting in 18 minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem Messer reiterated the
14 comments wishing Eddie the best and a quick recovery.

15 **14. Adjourn**

16 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Finch to adjourn the meeting. The Board voted***
17 ***unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.***

18 ***The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 pm.***

19 Respectfully submitted:

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21 Rhonda C. Ferebee, CMC, NCCMC

22 Town Clerk

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