TOWN OF BOGUE COUNCIL MEETING October 19, 2020

The Town Council of Bogue met Monday, October 19, 2020 at the Bogue Town Hall, 121 Chimney Branch Road.

Mayor Robert O'Chat called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor O'Chat led a prayer.

Council members present: Mayor O'Chat, Herbert Page, Charlie Wilton, David Padgett, Richard Dougherty and Albert Taylor. Also present Town Clerk Shawne Southard.

<u>Agenda</u>

Councilman Page made a motion to accept the agenda. Councilman Dougherty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the September 21, 2020 minutes as written. Councilman Padgett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Clerk Southard stated that Carteret County Geographic Information Systems (GIS) has started an Inter-Local Agreement for GIS Services that local municipalities can become a part of for a fee of \$60 per hour. After discussion by the council it was decided that Bogue is not in need of that type of service.

Department Reports

Finance: Mayor O'Chat stated total cash funds are \$495,286.04.

Budget: Clerk Southard received property taxes for September of \$3,479.45 and from the Powell Bill of \$10,089.62

Planner: Clerk Southard stated that two permits were approved; for an accessory building at 128 Mcneill Drive and for a new house at 227 Barrington Ridge.

ILA: Councilman Dougherty stated that Chief Hunter stated the following: he is asking for a new fire tanker which will cost \$700,000 and take approximately 12 months to complete, he is asking for a 7% pay increase for his employees as he is trying to keep up with surrounding areas as well as the higher risks employees have, he has new employee guidelines (including psychological evaluations for employees), he wants to hire a new full time Fire Inspector for next year (they have a part time inspector currently) and lastly he stated that they were not going to ask for a fire tax increase; it's been five years since they requested one.

Streets: Councilman Padgett stated Nicky Krajacic will be taking care of the west end of Lake Arthur shortly. Mayor O'Chat stated that Chimney Branch Road will need a good cut soon, but that the road is in good shape.

Emergency Manager: None

Town Hall: Mayor O'Chat reminded the council that Cape Carteret would be coming to get the Christmas lights sometime in the next month and that they need to be checked to see that they all light up.

Events: Mayor O'Chat spoke about having a Christmas party after the December meeting here at the Town Hall. Councilman Padgett said we should be flexible as we don't know what the COVID 19 virus will look like.

Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements

None

Adjournment

At 6:20 p.m. Councilman Padgett made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Dougherty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

 BOBBY O'CHAT, MAYOR
 SHAWNE SOUTHARD, TOWN CLERK