

## **Town of Houston**

### Minutes of Meeting

January 7, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Town of Houston was held at the Houston Volunteer Fire Company  
143 Broad St, Houston De, on Thursday January 7, 2016

Presiding: Councilman Gilmore

In Attendance: Council persons Greg Gilmore, Angelo Abate, Tony Nixdorf

### **Call to Order**

Councilman Gilmore called the meeting to order at 7:30pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

### **Approval of Previous Minutes**

December minutes were provided, a motion to approve as printed by Abbate and seconded by Nixdorf and carried

### **Monthly Reports**

#### Treasurer-

A motion to accept as printed by Nixdorf and seconded by Gilmore and carried

#### **Bills-**

Secretary

Treasurer

Tax Collector

Delmarva Power

Peninsula Trash

State Police

J.P. Court Fees

A motion to pay the bills by Nixdorf and seconded by Gilmore and carried

Tax Collector-

- Collected \$2016.14

A motion to accept the tax collectors report by Nixdorf and seconded by Gilmore and carried

Building Permits-

- 32 Broad St was issued a permit for renovations

Business License-

- Fantasy Builders is advertising they are operating out of a Broad St. address in Houston. Councilman Abate will look into the status of their Town of Houston Business License.

Code Enforcement-

None

**Correspondence:**

None

**Old Business:**

- 2015 Christmas Light Contest  
1<sup>st</sup> place winner – Steve Clifton - \$75.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> place winner – Bill Moore - \$50.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> place winner – Kevin Scott - \$25.00

**New Business:**

- Dan Parks at 276 Front St. has a shooting range set up on his property. Councilman Abate will take care of it.

**Public Comment:**

**Councilman Comment:**

**Adjourn:**

A motion to adjourn by Nixdorf and seconded by Abbate and carried

Submitted

Justin King

## **Town of Houston**

Minutes of Meeting

February 4, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Town of Houston was held at the Houston Volunteer Fire Company  
143 Broad St, Houston De, on Thursday February 4, 2016

Presiding: Councilman Nixdorf

In Attendance: Council persons Greg Gilmore, Angelo Abate, Tony Nixdorf

### **Call to Order**

Councilman Nixdorf called the meeting to order at 7:30pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

### **Approval of Previous Minutes**

January minutes were provided, a motion to approve as printed by Abbate and seconded by Gilmore and carried

### **Monthly Reports**

#### Treasurer-

A motion to accept as printed by Gilmore and seconded by Nixdorf and carried

#### **Bills-**

Secretary

Treasurer

Tax Collector

Delmarva Power

Peninsula Trash

State Police

J.P. Court Fees

Secretary of State fee

A motion to pay the bills by Gilmore and seconded by Nixdorf and carried

Tax Collector-

- Collected \$782.95

A motion to accept the tax collectors report by Gilmore and seconded by Nixdorf and carried

Building Permits-

- 316 Front St. for New Construction
- 336 Front St. for New Construction

Business License-

None

Code Enforcement-

None

**Correspondence:**

- Certified Letter from U.S. Census Beaurο
- Discover Bank sent an Interest check for \$784.80

**Old Business:**

- Councilman Abate is looking into the situation with the shooting range at 276 Front St.
- Councilman Abate is looking into the Fantasy Builders business license

**New Business:**

- Council Filing will be on February 27, 2016 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Houston Vol. Fire Co.  
Positions that are up
  1. Mayor
  2. Councilman Nixdorf
  3. Councilman Jester
- Ordinance Review on March 3, 2016 at 7:00pm
  - 275 – Junk Yards
  - 300 – Littering / Dumping
  - 325 – Noise
  - 350 – Open Burning
  - 375 – Parking
  - 400 – Property Maintenance
  - 425 – Sex Offenders

**Public Comment:**

**Councilman Comment:**

**Adjourn:**

A motion to adjourn by Abate and seconded by Gilmore and carried

Submitted

Justin King

## **Town of Houston**

### Minutes of Meeting

March 3, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Town of Houston was held at the Houston Volunteer Fire Company  
143 Broad St, Houston De, on Thursday March 3, 2016

Presiding: Councilman Nixdorf

In Attendance: Council persons Greg Gilmore, Angelo Abate, Tony Nixdorf

### **Call to Order**

Councilman Abbate called the meeting to order at 7:30pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance and  
Invocation

### **Approval of Previous Minutes**

February minutes were provided, a motion to approve as printed by Nixdorf and seconded by Gilmore  
and carried

### **Monthly Reports**

#### Treasurer-

A motion to accept as printed by Gilmore and seconded by Nixdorf and carried

#### **Bills-**

Secretary

Treasurer

Tax Collector

Delmarva Power

Peninsula Trash

State Police

J.P. Court Fees

A motion to pay the bills by Nixdorf and seconded by Gilmore and carried

Tax Collector-

- Collected \$1227.29

The following properties are at the J.P. Court

- Ellerbush – 1228 Pine St.
- Travers (Community Hoap) – 89 Richardson St
- USA Hud. – 131 Railroad AVE.
- International Real estate Inc. – 156Broad St.

A motion to accept the tax collectors report by Nixdorf and seconded by Gilmore and carried

Building Permits-

None

Business License-

None

Code Enforcement-

- Dan Parks at 276 Front St has been told to take his shooting range down by Councilman Abbate

**Correspondence:**

None

**Old Business:**

- Fantasy Builders is applying for a Town Business License
- Council Filing  
Mayor – Angelo Abbate  
Councilperson – Cody Scott  
Councilperson – Tony Nixdorf  
Councilperson – Carroll Jester

Carroll Jester is withdrawing for the ballot

**New Business:**

- Councilman Abbate is looking into the illegal daycare at 85 Broad St.
- All Council appointments will be made at April meeting
- April meeting at 7:00pm for ordinance review 275 thru 425
- Gilmore will contact the Railroad about their debris pile

- Mosquito Control paperwork has been turned in
- Deldot Project Audit will be March 21 thru March 24

**Public Comment:**

**Councilman Comment:**

Carroll Jester says Thank You and it has been Fun!

**Adjourn:**

A motion to adjourn by Abate and seconded by Gilmore and carried

Submitted

Justin King

## **Town of Houston**

### Minutes of Meeting

April 7, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Town of Houston was held at the Houston Volunteer Fire Company  
143 Broad St, Houston De, on Thursday April 7, 2016

Presiding: Councilman Nixdorf

In Attendance: Council persons Greg Gilmore, Angelo Abate, Tony Nixdorf, Cody Scott, Bill Moore

### **Call to Order**

Councilman Abbate called the meeting to order at 7:30pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

### **Approval of Previous Minutes**

March minutes were provided, a motion to approve as printed by Gilmore and seconded by Nixdorf and carried

### **Council Members and Mayor sworn in by Ruthanne Abate**

Mayor – Angelo Abate

Council Person – Tony Nixdorf

Council Person – Cody Scott

Appointment of Bill Moore to vacant Council Seat, a motion by Abate and seconded by Gilmore and carried

### **Monthly Reports**

#### Treasurer-

A motion to accept as printed by Gilmore and seconded by Moore and carried

#### **Bills-**

Secretary

Treasurer

Tax Collector

Delmarva Power

Peninsula Trash

State Police

Certified Mail

A motion to pay the bills by Nixdorf and seconded by Moore and carried

Tax Collector-

- Collected \$0

The following properties are at the J.P. Court

A motion to accept the tax collectors report by Nixdorf and seconded by Scott and carried

Building Permits-

- Simpson Land Adjustment

Business License-

- 45 Broad St. – Fantasy Builders

Code Enforcement-

- Dan Parks at 276 Front St has been told to take his shooting range down by Councilman Abbate

**Correspondence:**

None

**Old Business:**

- Broad St. curb project is on hold until the Deldot audit is finished
- The State of Delaware is looking into the Daycare situation at 85 Broad St.

**New Business:**

- Appointment of Offices for The Town of Houston
  - Vice Mayor – Greg Gilmore, motion by Abate 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nixdorf and carried
  - Secretary – Justin King, motion by Abate 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nixdorf and carried
  - Treasurer – Judy Moore, motion by Abate 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott and carried
  - Tax Collector – Nancy Abate, motion by Abate 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moore and carried

- Town Solicitor – Jamie King (Tunnell and Raysor), motion by Abate 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gilmore and carried
- Auditor – Tabled
- Board of Health – Town Council, motion by Abate 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nixdorf and carried
- Lay member Board of Adjustment – Carroll Jester, motion by Abate 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nixdorf and carried
- Town Trash and Mowing contracts will go out in May
- First Reading of the Town of Houston FY16/17 Budget will be May 5, 2016
- Town of Houston will purchase a stop sign and street blades for Front and Minner St.
- Council will make a list of all signs needing to be replaced

**Public Comment:**

**Councilman Comment:**

Councilman Gilmore and Councilman Nixdorf have offered to hold prayer at Town Council meetings

**Adjourn:**

A motion to adjourn by Nixdorf and seconded by Gilmore and carried

Submitted

Justin King

## **Town of Houston**

### Minutes of Meeting

May 5, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Town of Houston was held at the Houston Volunteer Fire Company  
143 Broad St, Houston De, on Thursday May 5, 2016

Presiding: Mayor Abbate

In Attendance: Council persons Angelo Abbate, Greg Gilmore, Tony Nixdorf, Cody Scott, Bill Moore

### **Call to Order**

Councilman Abbate called the meeting to order at 7:30pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

### **Approval of Previous Minutes**

April minutes were provided, a motion to approve as printed by Nixdorf and seconded by Gilmore and carried

### **Monthly Reports**

#### Treasurer-

A motion to accept as printed by Gilmore and seconded by Moore and carried

#### **Bills-**

Secretary

Treasurer

Tax Collector

Delmarva Power

Peninsula Trash

State Police

Office Supplies

## Advertising

A motion to pay the bills by Nixdorf and seconded by Moore and carried

## Tax Collector-

- Collected money

A motion to accept the tax collectors report by Nixdorf and seconded by Gilmore and carried

## Building Permits-

- 2 new permits

## Business License-

- 1 new license

## Code Enforcement-

- Town Council will handle code enforcement issues
- Mayor Abbate will make new door hangers for violations

## **Correspondence:**

- Municipal Street Aid packet will be signed and turned in
- The DelDot Audit is May 12

## **Old Business:**

- Gilmore is working with the railroad to get their pile of debris cleaned up
- Broad St. curb project is on hold until the DelDot audit is finished
- The State of Delaware is looking into the Daycare situation at 85 Broad St.
- Town Auditor – tabled
- Town Services Bids
  - Trash Service
  - Grass cutting Service
  - Snow Removal Service

Bids have been advertised and will be accepted until June 2, 2016

## **New Business:**

- Town Service bids will be opened on June 2, 2016
- Town Council will look into yard waste services
- Second Reading and possible adoption of the Town of Houston FY16/17 Budget will be June 2, 2016 at 7:30pm

**Public Comment:**

**Councilman Comment:**

**Adjourn:**

A motion to adjourn by Scott and seconded by Gilmore and carried

Submitted

Justin King

## **Town of Houston**

### Minutes of Meeting

June 2, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Town of Houston was held at the Houston Volunteer Fire Company  
143 Broad St, Houston De, on Thursday June 2, 2016

Presiding: Mayor Abbate

In Attendance: Council persons Angelo Abbate, Greg Gilmore, Cody Scott, Bill Moore

### **Call to Order**

Councilman Abbate called the meeting to order at 7:30pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

### **Approval of Previous Minutes**

May minutes were provided, a motion to approve as printed by Nixdorf and seconded by Gilmore and carried

### **Monthly Reports**

#### Treasurer-

A motion to accept as printed by Nixdorf and seconded by Scott and carried

#### **Bills-**

Secretary

Treasurer

Tax Collector

Delmarva Power

Peninsula Trash

State Police

Delmarva Property Maintenance

A motion to pay the bills by Nixdorf and seconded by Scott and carried

Tax Collector-

- The Mcfarland Property at 349 Broad St paid the past due fees

A motion to accept the tax collectors report by Nixdorf and seconded by Gilmore and carried

Building Permits-

- none

Business License-

- none

Code Enforcement-

- 720 School St needs grass cut
- There are two houses on Maple St. that are falling apart

**Correspondence:**

- The Delaware association of Realtors

**Old Business:**

- Gilmore is working with the Railroad to get the pile of debris cleaned up
- Broad St. curb project has been canceled
- The Daycare on Broad St. - tabled
- Mayor Abbate met with DelDot auditors and The Town of Houston has not received a report
- Trash Bids –
  - Peninsula Oil and Trash
    - \$21,958.56 – trash service
    - \$5,340.86 – recycle service
    - \$27,299.42 – total cost per year
  - Waste Industries
    - \$40,482.00 – trash and recycle for Friday pick up
    - \$36,330.00 – trash and recycle for Wednesday pick up
    - \$168.00 per trash can per year
    - \$66.00 per trash can per year
  - Waste Management
    - \$34,606.92 – trash service
    - \$10,303.00 – recycle service
    - \$20.00 – per can per year
  - Republic Services
    - \$26,539.90 – trash service

\$17,693.00 – recycle service

A motion Gilmore and seconded by Moore to go with Peninsula Oil and Trash to provide The Town of Houston with Trash and Recycle Services – carried

- Grass Cutting Bids
  - Delmarva Property Maintenance
    - \$75.00 – per cut for cutting town lot
    - \$150.00 – per cut for cutting violation properties

A motion by Scott and seconded by Nixdorf to go with Delmarva Property Maintenance to provide The Town of Houston with mowing services – carried

- Snow Removal bids
  - David Marvel
    - \$175.00 per hour

A motion by Moore and seconded by Gilmore to go with David Marvel to provide The Town of Houston with Snow Removal Services – carried

- Second Reading of FY 16 & 17 budget and codes
  - A motion by Scott and seconded by Nixdorf to approve codes as amended – carried
  - A motion by Nixdorf and seconded by Scott to approve FY 16 & 17 budget and fees - carried

**New Business:**

- The Town of Houston yard sale will be June 18, 2016

**Public Comment:**

**Councilman Comment:**

- Council member Scott will call the SPCA about a dog on Pine St.

**Adjourn:**

A motion to adjourn by Scott and seconded by Nixdorf and carried

Submitted

Justin King

## **Town of Houston**

### Minutes of Meeting

July 7, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Town of Houston was held at the Houston Volunteer Fire Company  
143 Broad St, Houston De, on Thursday July 7, 2016

Presiding: Mayor Abbate

In Attendance: Council persons Angelo Abbate, Greg Gilmore, Cody Scott, Bill Moore

### **Call to Order**

Councilman Abbate called the meeting to order at 7:30pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

### **Approval of Previous Minutes**

June minutes were provided, a motion to approve as printed by Moore and seconded by Gilmore and carried

### **Monthly Reports**

#### Treasurer-

A motion to accept as printed by Gilmore and seconded by Scott and carried

#### **Bills-**

Secretary

Treasurer

Tax Collector

Delmarva Power

Peninsula Trash

State Police

Davis Smith Accounting

## Tax Collector and Treasurer Bond

A motion to pay the bills by Gilmore and seconded by Scott and carried

### Tax Collector-

- \$998.11 taken in for June

A motion to accept the tax collectors report by Scott and seconded by Gilmore and carried

### Building Permits-

- 112 Broad St. for a pole barn

### Business License-

- none

### Code Enforcement-

- Low hanging trees and Grass will be posted

### **Correspondence:**

- none

### **Old Business:**

- Town Service Contract results have been posted on the Town of Houston website
- Adoption of Codes and Amendments have been posted on the Town of Houston website
- Adoption of Ordinance 16-01; FY 16 – 17 Budget and Chapter 175 Fees have been posted on Town of Houston website
- Town Auditor – Tabled
- Town Attorney – Jamie Sharp at Moore and Rutt

### **New Business:**

- The Town of Houston will purchase the Quick Books Program

### **Public Comment:**

- Four property owners were present to voice their concern about the new rental property fees

### **Councilman Comment:**

### **Adjourn:**

A motion to adjourn by Scott and seconded by Gilmore and carried

Submitted

Justin King

## **Town of Houston**

### Minutes of Meeting

August 4, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Town of Houston was held at the Houston Volunteer Fire Company  
143 Broad St, Houston De, on Thursday August 4, 2016

Presiding: Mayor Abbate

In Attendance: Council persons Angelo Abbate, Greg Gilmore, Cody Scott, Bill Moore, Tony Nixdorf

### **Call to Order**

Councilman Abbate called the meeting to order at 7:30pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

### **Approval of Previous Minutes**

July minutes were provided, a motion to approve as printed by Nixdorf and seconded by Moore and carried

### **Monthly Reports**

#### Treasurer-

A motion to accept as printed by Gilmore and seconded by Nixdorf and carried

#### **Bills-**

Secretary

Treasurer

Tax Collector

Delmarva Power

Peninsula Trash

State Police

A motion to pay the bills by Gilmore and seconded by Nixdorf and carried

Tax Collector-

- \$10501.00 taken in for July

A motion to accept the tax collectors report by Nixdorf and seconded by Gilmore and carried

Building Permits-

- New home construction on Front St.

Business License-

- none

Code Enforcement-

- none

**Correspondence:**

- Municipal Street Aid will be \$10,392.82 this year

**Guest Speaker:**

David Edgell from the State Planning Office

- The Town of Houston Comprehensive Plan expires April 2017
- The State Planning office can provide advice for The Town of Houston Comprehensive Plan
- The Town will need a consultant to make major changes to the plan
- There are three ways to get grant money to help with paying for the new plan
- It takes approx. one year to create a new plan
- A one year extension is available for the current plan

**Old Business:**

- The Town of Houston shall seek a Rental License Inspection Officer  
A motion by Abbate and seconded by Nixdorf and carried
- Rail Road property clean up - tabled
- Daycare at 85 Broad St. - tabled
- Town Auditor – Tabled
- Town Attorney – Jamie Sharp at Moore and Rutt  
A motion by Gilmore and seconded by Moore and carried
- Quick Books – tabled
- The signs from DelDot are in the process of being made

**New Business:**

- The Town of Houston will hold a public hearing for chapter 175 fees dealing with rental license on September 1, 2016 at 7:00pm and a workshop at 6:45pm  
A motion by Abbate and seconded by Gilmore and carried

**Public Comment:**

- Six property owners were present to voice their concern about the new rental property fees

**Councilman Comment:**

**Adjourn:**

A motion to adjourn by Moore and seconded by Abbate and carried

Submitted

Justin King

## **Town of Houston**

### Minutes of Meeting

September 1, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Town of Houston was held at the Houston Volunteer Fire Company 143 Broad St, Houston De, on Thursday September 1, 2016

Presiding: Mayor Abbate

In Attendance: Council persons Angelo Abbate, Greg Gilmore, Cody Scott, Bill Moore, Tony Nixdorf

### **Call to Order**

Mayor Abbate called the meeting to order at 7:30pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

### **Approval of Previous Minutes**

August minutes were provided, a motion to approve as printed by Scott and seconded by Nixdorf and carried

### **Monthly Reports**

#### Treasurer-

A motion to accept as printed by Gilmore and seconded by Scott and carried

#### **Bills-**

Secretary

Treasurer

Tax Collector

Delmarva Power

Peninsula Trash

State Police

A motion to pay the bills by Scott and seconded by Nixdorf and carried

#### Tax Collector-

- \$7085.15 taken in for August

A motion to accept the tax collectors report by Nixdorf and seconded by Gilmore and carried

#### Building Permits-

- none

#### Business License-

- none

Code Enforcement-

- Town Attorney Jamie Sharp will look into who owns the property next to 336 Front St. so the pile of debris can be addressed

**Correspondence:**

- University of Delaware will be hosting training workshops

**Old Business:**

- The second reading of Chapter 175 fees  
A motion by Nixdorf and seconded by Gilmore and carried
- Comprehensive Plan – Mayor Abbott has contacted the University of Delaware about pricing to help with the comp. plan. The University of Delaware has indicated that they can not start until January 2017
- Rail Road property clean up - tabled
- The signs from DelDot are in the process of being made

**New Business:**

- The Town of Houston is continuing to check on prices for property inspection prices

**Public Comment:**

- Police are needed for radar enforcement on Front St.

**Councilman Comment:**

**Adjourn:**

A motion to adjourn by Moore and seconded by Abbate and carried

Submitted

Justin King

## **Town of Houston**

Minutes of Meeting

October 6, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Town of Houston was held at the Houston Volunteer Fire Company  
143 Broad St, Houston De, on Thursday October 6, 2016

Presiding: Mayor Abbate

In Attendance: Council persons Angelo Abbate, Greg Gilmore, Cody Scott, Bill Moore, Tony Nixdorf

### **Call to Order**

Councilman Abbate called the meeting to order at 7:30pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence

### **Approval of Previous Minutes**

September minutes were provided, a motion to approve as printed by Scott and seconded by Gilmore and carried

### **Monthly Reports**

#### Treasurer-

A motion to accept as printed by Gilmore and seconded by Nixdorf and carried

#### **Bills-**

Secretary

Treasurer

Tax Collector

Delmarva Power

Peninsula Trash

State Police

A motion to pay the bills by Moore and seconded by Nixdorf and carried

Tax Collector-

- \$25,649.00 taken in for September
- \$3,327.77 taken in but not deposited
- A motion by Moore and seconded by Nixdorf to have the Town Attorney look into collecting on the Ellerbush Tax Bill

A motion to accept the tax collectors report by Nixdorf and seconded by Gilmore and carried

Building Permits-

- 333 School St. – new roof
- 130 Mill St. – Demo

Business License-

- none

Code Enforcement-

- 116 Armor St. needs grass cutting
- 3 Sleepy Hollow needs grass cut
- 491 Front St. has detrimental materials
- Sewer smell on school st.
- Sewer smell at corner of Broad and Mill

**Correspondence:**

- none

**Old Business:**

- Billing for the rental license will go out November 1
- Comprehensive Plan – Start working on the plan in February
- Rail Road property clean up – council met with lobbyist and got contact info for Norfolk Southern. Council is waiting on a response

**New Business:**

**Public Comment:**

**Councilman Comment:**

**Adjourn:**

A motion to adjourn by Moore and seconded by Gilmore and carried

Submitted

Justin King

## **Town of Houston**

Minutes of Meeting

November 3, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Town of Houston was held at the Houston Volunteer Fire Company  
143 Broad St, Houston De, on Thursday November 3, 2016

Presiding: Mayor Abbate

In Attendance: Council persons Angelo Abbate, Greg Gilmore, Cody Scott, Bill Moore, Tony Nixdorf

### **Call to Order**

Councilman Abbate called the meeting to order at 7:30pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence

### **Approval of Previous Minutes**

October minutes were provided, a motion to approve as printed by Nixdorf and seconded by Gilmore and carried

### **Monthly Reports**

#### Treasurer-

A motion to accept as printed by Gilmore and seconded by Nixdorf and carried

#### **Bills-**

Secretary

Treasurer

Tax Collector

Delmarva Power

Peninsula Trash

State Police

A motion to pay the bills by Nixdorf and seconded by Moore and carried

Tax Collector-

- \$4552.72 taken in
- Ellerbush made payment and will continue to make payments

A motion to accept the tax collectors report by Moore and seconded by Nixdorf and carried

Building Permits-

- 816 School St for a deck
- Lot 4 Minner St for a new home

Business License-

- none

Code Enforcement-

- 59 Maple and 37 Maple were condemned by Kent County
- Pine St Extended – Nixdorf will talk to the property owners

**Correspondence:**

- none

**Old Business:**

- Town of Houston is starting to receive payment for the rental license
- Rail Road property clean up – is in the works
- The new street signs are made and need to be picked up from DelDot sign shop

**New Business:**

- Andrew Jakubowitch, Director of Kent County Public Works shared info about the possibility of The Town of Houston hooking up to County Sewer
- A street light needs to be installed in the area of Front and Minner Streets
- Houston Volunteer Fire Company has applied for a building permit and it needs to be sent back for revisions

**Public Comment:**

**Councilman Comment:**

**Adjourn:**

A motion to adjourn by Moore and seconded by Gilmore and carried

Submitted

Justin King

## **Town of Houston**

Minutes of Meeting

December 1, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Town of Houston was held at the Houston Volunteer Fire Company  
143 Broad St, Houston De, on Thursday December 1, 2016

Presiding: Mayor Abbate

In Attendance: Council persons Angelo Abbate, Greg Gilmore, Cody Scott, Bill Moore, Tony Nixdorf

### **Call to Order**

Councilman Abbate called the meeting to order at 7:30pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence

### **Approval of Previous Minutes**

November minutes were provided, a motion to approve as printed by Gilmore and seconded by Nixdorf and carried

### **Monthly Reports**

#### Treasurer-

A motion to accept as printed by Scott and seconded by Nixdorf and carried

#### **Bills-**

Secretary

Treasurer

Tax Collector

Delmarva Power

Peninsula Trash

State Police

DelDot signs

A motion to pay the bills by Scott and seconded by Nixdorf and carried

Tax Collector-

- \$1160.00 taken in

A motion to accept the tax collectors report by Gilmore and seconded by Moore and carried

Building Permits-

- none

Business License-

- none

Code Enforcement-

- A tree at the corner of School St. and Armor St. is in bad condition and is a threat to the power lines
- Nixdorf is still working on the issue of telephone poles at the end of Pine St. extended

**Correspondence:**

- Delaware Realtors Association
- Comcast – rates are going up

**Public Comment:**

- none

**Old Business:**

- Rail Road property clean up – is in the works
- The new street are going to be installed soon
- An application for a new street light on Front St. has been filled out and sent in
- Sewer Committee - tabled

**New Business:**

- Town Christmas banners are up
- Christmas Light Contest

Judging will be from December 9<sup>th</sup> thru December 23<sup>rd</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> prize - \$100.00

2<sup>nd</sup> prize - \$50.00

3<sup>rd</sup> prize – \$25.00

**Councilman Comment:**

**Adjourn:**

A motion to adjourn by Gilmore and seconded by Moore and carried

Submitted

Justin King