

**TOWN OF DUNE ACRES  
COUNCIL MINUTES - DRAFT  
April 21, 2026**

The Town of Dune Acres Town Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at the Clubhouse. Council President Richard Hawksworth called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm., with Council member Paul Woidke; Clerk-Treasurer Bonnie Hawksworth; and Town Attorney Adam Mindel in attendance. Commissioners present were Shawn Fitzpatrick (Parks), Lee McKinley (Security), and Robin Tennant (Environment).

The meeting was broadcast live and recorded via Zoom. The recording will be archived online for 90 days and can be accessed at:

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

There was a motion and second to approve the minutes from the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor; motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Clerk-Treasurer Hawksworth presented the March month-end financial report. The combined bank account balance as of March 31 is \$677,334.69. At this point in the year, approximately 27.5% of our budget has been expended. Year-to-date revenue is \$97,041.92.

The audit has been completed; we are waiting for the report to be published publicly.

It was moved and seconded to approve the financial report. The vote was unanimous in favor; motion passed.

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:**

Clerk-Treasurer Hawksworth asked the Town Council to approve Accounts Payable Vouchers for April in the amount of \$53,348.10 ([http://duneacres.org/apv/apv\\_2026-04.pdf](http://duneacres.org/apv/apv_2026-04.pdf)). This includes the fireworks deposit on the agenda this evening. The vote was unanimous in favor; motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

**BEACH:** The total for this year's fireworks display is \$8,100. There was a motion and second to approve the fireworks contract for 2026. The vote was unanimous in favor; motion passed.

**BUILDING:** The council members reviewed several building permit applications:

Building Permits 2026-03 for 7 Linden Lane (bathroom remodel)

Building Permits 2026-04 for 24 Summit (retaining wall)

Building Permits 2026-05 for 18 Circle (foundation work)

Building Permit 2026-06 for 18 Circle (basement remodel)

Building Permit 2026-07 for 2 Aspen (sunroom)

Building Permit 2026-09 for 25 Hill (retaining wall)

There was a motion and second to approve the building permits as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor; motion passed.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The Town Clean-up will be held on Saturday, 4/25 beginning at 9:00 at Town Hall.

**FIRE:** None

**MAINTENANCE:** The council reviewed an estimate for roof repairs for the Clubhouse. There was a motion and second to request these funds from DACIF. The vote was unanimous in favor; motion passed.

**PARKS:** Parks Commissioner Fitzpatrick reported that weather has been an issue in scheduling the tennis/pickleball work. The date will be determined once the frost window has closed in mid-May. Fitzpatrick reported updates on the pricing progress on the playground systems. The preferred vendor is Kompan, who offered some ideas as to how the price could be reduced with various option swaps. The council requested an itemized quote aligned with a drawing of the proposed equipment and configuration. This will be provided to the council within two weeks to allow for review prior to the May meeting.

**ROADS:** None

**SECURITY:** Commissioner Lee McKinley reported that security operations that train blockages are down a bit in the past month. McKinley also formalized his intent to step down as security commissioner considering his imminent move from Dune Acres.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Garbage RFP Submissions: President Hawksworth reported that the vendor selected for exclusive trash and recycling collection has been unresponsive. Hawksworth suggested soliciting a contract from the alternate vendor. Council member Woidke expressed concern that changing vendors could impose a de facto “tax” on residents in the form of receptacle retrieval fees. Council member Stemer said he was satisfied with his current service and did not see a reason to change. Hawksworth, citing the widely recognized rate disparities suggested soliciting an additional vendor on a non-exclusive basis to provide rate competition and choice for residents. No formal action was taken.

Ordinance 2026-01, Amendment to Chapter 34 – Traffic and Vehicles, Article II – Parking & Vehicle Operations Second Reading: President Hawksworth conducted the second reading of Ordinance 2026-01. There was a motion and second to accept the second reading of the ordinance. The vote was unanimous in favor; motion passed.

Resolution 2026-01 to set fees for parking permits and guest passes: President Hawksworth read the resolution by title and summarized its provisions. Each household will be eligible for up to two resident parking permits, with appropriate documentation, at no cost. Additional permits can be purchased for \$40 each. Annual guest passes will be \$100. Single day guest passes are free upon request from security.

The application window for permits and passes will begin in mid-May. Only legal residents and property owners of record are eligible for permits.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Retaining Wall, Hill Drive: Resident Linda Twomey requested the town fund the construction of a small section of retaining wall located adjacent to her property 25 Hill Drive. Council members were presented with a bid from Duneland Landscape in the amount of \$1,740. A motion was made and seconded to approve the expense not to exceed \$2,000. The vote was unanimous in favor; motion passed.

Clubhouse Rental: The council reviewed a Clubhouse rental request for Saturday, October 17. There was a motion and second to approve the rental. The vote was unanimous in favor; motion passed.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

From the floor, DACIF member Rick Demkovich stated he was investigating the cost of installing a battery backup at the security office to provide power in the case of an electrical outage. He promised to provide additional details for council consideration.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next regular meeting of the Town Council is on Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00pm at the Clubhouse.

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PAUL WOIDKE, Town Council Member

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ALEXANDER STEMER, Town Council Member

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BONNIE HAWKSWORTH, Clerk-Treasurer