TOWN OF DUNE ACRES
COUNCIL MINUTES
August 18, 2026

The Town of Dune Acres Town Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at the Clubhouse. Council President Richard Hawksworth called the meeting to order at 7:05pm., with Council member Alex Stemer; Clerk-Treasurer Bonnie Hawksworth; and Town Attorney Adam Mindel in attendance. Council member Paul Woidke participated via Zoom. Commissioner Shawn Fitzpartrick (Parks) participated via Zoom.

The meeting was broadcast live and recorded via Zoom. The recording will be archived online for 90 days at: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/gJN_xfv6t7EMoi5bmZTB819DYF6T0Cg5eVdL18wZQWUmdDaT9grgarc13fhPuEuU.rNuDIL8PJYZz8f2J
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BUDGET HEARING: The Budget Hearing was called to order at 7:05pm. There was discussion about the major budget categories and anticipated funding. With no further questions, the Budget Hearing was concluded at 7:15pm.

Council President Hawksworth then called the regular meeting to order at 7:15pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There was a motion and second to approve the minutes from the July 21st and July 28th meetings. There was a motion and second to approve the minutes. A roll call vote was unanimous in favor; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Clerk-Treasurer Hawksworth presented the July month-end financial report. The combined bank account balance as of July 31st is $898,111.83. At this point in the year, just over 60% of our budget has been expended. Year-to-date revenue is $562,258.20.

There was a motion and second to approve the financial statements. A roll call vote was unanimous in favor; motion passed.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Clerk-Treasurer Hawksworth asked the Town Council to approve Accounts Payable Vouchers for August in the amount of $74,369.85 (http://duneacres.org/apv/apv_2026-08.pdf). This includes the 50% balance of the fireworks, as well as some town maintenance items.

There was a motion and second to approve payment of claims. A roll call vote was unanimous in favor; motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

BEACH: None

BUILDING: The council reviewed Building Permit 2026-15 for roofing, windows, and painting work at 79 East Road.

There was a motion and second to approve BP #2026-15. A roll call vote was unanimous in favor; motion passed.

ENVIRONMENT: None

FIRE: None

MAINTENANCE: None

PARKS: Commissioner Fitzpatrick will request quotes for future tennis court resurfacing work from Perma-Seal. Fitzpatrick noted that the vendor who made tennis court repairs inquired about payment for work that was undertaken this year. Council member Stemer opined that the work was substandard and would require additional investment next year to remedy. It was suggested that Attorney Mindel contact the vendor to state the town's position, which he agreed to do.

ROADS: The Community Crossings grant application window opens in September. The Town's proposal will include work at Ridge and Circle Drive (to address water pooling and flooding issues), the intersections at East Road and Circle/Ridge and East Road and Crest Drive, and the area that floods the road adjacent to the tennis courts. President Hawksworth asked the Town Council to approve a request up to $200,000 to cover the engineering and implementation (25% of which the town would need to fund).

There was a motion and second to approve the town match and road funding grant request. A roll call vote was unanimous in favor; motion passed.

SECURITY: Roger Goode reported that that train delays were 93 minutes in total during the past month. Special thanks were offered to security staff and Mark Taylor for extra efforts in the wake of the severe storms. Road clean-up efforts will continue. Goode informed the council of events at East Beach and asked the council to consider measures to ensure public safety, including requiring advance notice and scheduling of security personnel to monitor activities. The council promised to consider the request after the summer season in the hopes of developing a plan for 2027.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

First Reading, Ordinance 2026-02, Tax Rates and Appropriations: President Hawksworth conducted a first reading of Ordinance 2026-02, Tax Rates and Appropriations for 2027.

There was a motion and second to approve 2027 tax rates and appropriations. A roll call vote was unanimous in favor; motion passed. A second reading will be held in September.

Deer Control: President Hawksworth suggested that the Town apply for a deer cull permit for the 2026-2027 season.

There was a motion and second to apply to the DNR for a deer cull permit. A roll call vote was unanimous in favor; motion passed.

Clubhouse Rental on 09-05-2026: The council considered a request for Clubhouse rental on Saturday, September 5, 2026.

There was a motion and second to approve the rental by council member Woidke. A roll call vote was unanimous in favor; motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm. The next regular meeting of the Town Council is on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at the Clubhouse.

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RICHARD HAWKSWORTH, Town Council President

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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