

**TOWN OF DUNE ACRES
COUNCIL MINUTES - DRAFT
September 15, 2026**

The Town of Dune Acres Town Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 15 2026, at the Clubhouse. Council President Richard Hawksworth called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm., with Council members Alex Stemer and Paul Woidke; Clerk-Treasurer Bonnie Hawksworth; and Town Attorney Adam Mindel in attendance. Commissioners present were: Shawn Fitzpartrick (Parks).

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/EcA9RpEcP2IvD1-eNFCjSr59t_8EWDQmuOBClw3lusxTN2Hx2XQotjQeciNiix5m.f5jgwmJZizThWzOA
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There was a motion and second to approve the minutes from the August 18th meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Clerk-Treasurer Hawksworth presented the August month-end financial report. The combined bank account balance as of August 31st is \$841,201.15. At this point in the year, just over 70% of our budget has been expended. Year-to-date revenue is \$600,053.23.

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 September in the amount of \$70,741.88 (http://duneacres.org/apv/apv_2026-09.pdf). This includes third quarter legal fees and a deposit for materials for the Oak Drive beach access project. It was moved and seconded to approve the APVs. The vote was unanimous in favor; motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

BEACH: None

BUILDING: The council reviewed Building Permit 2026-14 for new construction at 23 Crest Drive. It was moved and seconded to approve the building permit. The vote was unanimous in favor; motion passed.

ENVIRONMENT: Brush pick up and tree work will take place during the third week of October. An email will go out to residents with details and specific dates.

FIRE: None

MAINTENANCE: None

PARKS: Commissioner Fitzpatrick has made contact with Perma-Seal regarding future tennis court resurfacing work. Perma-Seal visited the site to evaluate and will make suggestions for consideration. Attorney Mindel will draft a letter to Everline to outline the issues with the work. The playground project will move forward in the spring of 2027.

ROADS: The Community Crossings grant application is due at the end of 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.

SECURITY: Roger Goode reported that train delays totaled 3 hours and 35 minutes in the past month. In response to questions from Roger, President Hawksworth referenced the ordinance regarding fires on the beach (to be in containers only), and reminded that ATVs should be properly licensed to drive on Town roads.

OLD BUSINESS:

Second Reading, Ordinance 2026-02, Tax Rates and Appropriations: President Hawksworth conducted a second reading of Ordinance 2026-02, Tax Rates and Appropriations for 2027. It was moved and seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2026-02. The vote was unanimous in favor; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

MUST Committee: The County Council has created a MUST Committee to develop a recommendation for unified Local Income Tax (LIT) rate and distribution agreement. Clerk-Treasurer Hawksworth will participate on behalf of the town.

Clubhouse Rental on 10-10-2026: The council considered a request for Clubhouse rental on Saturday, October 10, 2026. It was moved and seconded to approve the rental. The vote was unanimous in favor; motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Power Back-up at Security: Estimates for power back-ups are being procured and will be evaluated once they all come in.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm. The next regular meeting of the Town Council is on Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at the Clubhouse.

RICHARD HAWKSWORTH, Town Council President

PAUL WOIDKE, Town Council Member

ALEXANDER STEMER, Town Council Member

BONNIE HAWKSWORTH, Clerk-Treasurer