



Fenwick moves ahead with changes

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The Fenwick Island Town Council on March 27 approved a first reading of a change to Chapter 52-14, Violations and Penalties, to add the language that "any person convicted of violating Article 111 prohibitions shall be fined \$250. Each day of a separate continuing violation shall be deemed a separate offense."

The reason for the change, which was recommended by Police Chief William Boyden, was to clearly specify a fine for violation of Article 111, as the original ordinance does not have one.

"When we went before the J.P. court, they said the fine only shadows DNREC or the State of Delaware, and the court recommended a specific fine, for easier conviction," explained the chief.

The council last Friday also unanimously passed a second reading deleting Chapter 5 "Alderman" from the town charter. Because the town hasn't had an Alderman's Court for quite a while, the legislation regarding its operation is outdated, so the council decided that if they ever were to have another Alderman's Court, they would write a new draft of the legislation.

Interim Town Manager Tom Wontorek announced on March 27 that curbside recycling bids had been received and that the low bid had come from First State Disposal, at \$1.50 per month per household, in a bid that's good for three years. Property owners will be able to use their existing DSWA containers for the service provided by First State. Councilman Chris Clark asked if it was possible to have batteries picked up as part of the curbside recycling service, and Wontorek said he would check on it.

In other news:

- Wontorek announced that 8,000 pounds of recyclables were collected in February, an increase over January but still less than in December.
- The council reminded citizens of the need to register to vote. Being registered nationally or with the state is not enough. Voters must register within the Town of Fenwick Island to vote in town elections, and only 63 people have registered since the town wiped its voter rolls last summer.
- May 16 is the annual beach clean-up, set at Dagsboro Street at 9 a.m.
- Mayor Audrey Serio announced service awards to Charlie Smith for 10 years with the Public Works Department and to Stephen Majewski for five years with the police department.
- The Fenwick Island Women's Club donated \$300 to the town for a beach wheelchair.
- Serio reported that she had been to a very productive meeting in Washington, D.C., with other representatives of Delaware town governments and the Delaware Congressional delegation, regarding the short window of opportunity with stimulus-package money and how to keep their "finger on the pulse of it."