

special thanks to Chris Holm for taking care of the Town by himself night and day. He also thanked Monica Bowcutt for her dedicated service. He stated that he was looking forward to the Town moving forward in a positive direction.

6. Swearing In of New Mayor-Bruce Densley.

Town Clerk, Monica Bowcutt, read the oath of office to Bruce Densley, who was officially sworn in as Town Mayor.

7. **Swearing In of New Council Member-Jay Lee.**

Town Clerk, Monica Bowcutt, read the oath of office to Jay Lee, who was officially sworn in as a Town Council Member.

8. Swearing In of Council Member-Jean Krause.

Town Clerk, Monica Bowcutt, read the oath of office to Jean Krasue, who was officially sworn in as a Town Council Member.

The Council Members changed seats.

9. Comments from New Mayor-Bruce Densley.

Mayor Bruce Densley thanked John Grow and Lee Ballard for their many years of service. He stated that they had not always agreed on policies and matters of decision, but this Country was founded by men who had had many disagreements. These men had come together to form this great nation, the greatest nation on earth. Mayor Densley stated that himself, John, and Lee had learned to work together for the betterment of each other and for the community. He felt that there would always be disagreements, which could be worked through. He then stated that John Grow and Lee Ballard's service had been dedicated, sincere and straight forward. He also stated that these governmental positions were complex and more than just showing up and voting. He felt that these jobs were usually thankless, but ones that were important to conserve our way of life and the freedoms we have. He thanked John Grow and Lee Ballard for their service, beyond

the call of duty, for the hours and hours that most people do not comprehend, and the path that they have put us on.

Mayor Densley stated that people do not exist for the convenience of government, but government exists for the convenience of people. He stated that it is sometimes difficult to come up with solutions that respect the right of the individual compared with the community and group rights. This conflict is sometimes not always clear or easy to define. He stated that the Council was not going to solve this question here, but they were going to do their best in order to keep Virgin Town the best place to live. Mayor Densley stated that when he moved here eleven years ago, he was not planning on getting involved in politics, but he felt like people owed it to the Country in order to keep freedom. He stated that people must get involved. He felt that if citizens were not willing to make their community a better place to live, they were part of the problem. He stated that in Virgin, we know that every vote counts and that people can and do have an influence. He asked that citizens communicate with their government officials.

Mayor Densley stated that he would have an open door policy, but people may not always get the answer they want, because of legality issues. The Mayor promised that the Council would give careful consideration to all ideas and thoughts. He reported that changes must be made in Town committee assignments, like the Mosquito Abatement, Solid Waste District, Fire District, and ZC3. Mayor Bruce Densley reported meeting with the Fire Chief and Hurricane's Mayor and City Manager. The Chief had reported that the service calls had gone up by 200 this year and the District had, at times, had as many as 5 units out at once. He also reported that the Fire District had set up a charitable trust which would be taking donations to assist firefighters and other people's medical emergencies. This trust would be sponsoring a park in the little girl drowning victim's memory near LaVerkin Creek. The trust will be managed by himself, Hurricane's Mayor Bramall, and the Fire Chief. Mayor Densley stated that he hoped to have the open Town Council seat filled by the next regular meeting. The application deadline was January 20, 2014 at 1:00 pm. He also reported that the bid deadline for the Old Church was also

January 20, 2014 at 1:30 pm. He expressed excitement about what is going to happen with Heritage Town Square and thanked all the citizens who had have given their time for the project.

OPEN FORUM

- No Open Forum items were discussed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Danyale Blackmore thanked John Grow and Lee Ballard for putting the time and effort into serving the Town. Council Member Blackmore stated that she had watched both of them handle things that were uncomfortable and not easy. She stated that it takes a lot of time and Council Members must know a lot more than she thought they had to know. She stated that she appreciated John Grow and Lee Ballard for helping the Town.

- Lee Ballard thanked the new Council for being willing to continue going forward.

- Jean Krause stated that Lee Ballard knew so much about the ordinances and how everything fits together. She expressed sadness that Lee Ballard was not going to be sitting on the Council. She also stated that Lee Ballard leaving was a big loss to the Council. She then thanked the Council for appointing her, stating that if she would not have been appointed, she never would have discovered that she enjoyed it.

- John Grow stated that Jean Krause was well suited for the job.

- Bruce stated that he appreciated the Council, old and new. He felt that there were no losers, because all those who ran for the position were good, capable, and qualified people, who had the best interest of the Town at heart. He then stated that there was a vacancy for a Zoning Administrator, which needed to be filled. He also stated that he had had a discussion with Kurt Wright, Police Chief, in which they decided to adapt a new

zoning enforcement policy, in which the police officers would serve as the enforcement. This service would not cost any more, because it was part of the police service agreement.

ADJOURN PUBLIC MEETING:

10. Approve Motion to Adjourn Public Meeting,

Jean Krause made a motion to adjourn the public meeting. Danyale Blackmore seconded the motion. Vote on Motion: Danyale Blackmore-Aye, Jean Krause-Aye, Jay Lee-Aye, and Mayor Bruce Densley-Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Monica Bowcutt

Town Clerk

Approved: _____