

**SHARPTOWN REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
October 1, 2018**

President Gosnell called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Bennett, Bradley, Henry, and Schneider, Clerk/Treasurer Schneider, Secretary Adkins, Superintendent White, Attorney Mike Mathers, Circuit Rider Joe Mangini, as well as several residents, representatives from the American Legion, Heroes Haven, and Operation We Care.

Commissioner Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 17<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. A second was made by Commissioner Schneider. All were in favor, so carried.

Commissioner Schneider made a motion to pay the bills as stated on pages 4&5, which was seconded by Commissioner Bradley. All were in favor, so carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

President Gosnell stated Attorney Leslie sent a letter to the Farmers Bank of Willards to address the issues at Pecan Corner.

President Gosnell reintroduced the request from Operation We Care for the Town to consider waving completely or reducing the impact and tap fees for the new home they are building to donate to a veteran family. The Commissioners reviewed recommendation from Attorney Leslie to not grant the request because the Town does not have a clear policy in place to waive the fees and the Town should charge all residents equally. Commissioner Schneider stated while he thinks the home donation is a great cause he also believes the Town should follow the advice of its council. President Gosnell stated that when the water and sewer lines were run to those lots the taps were put in place at that time. He suggested the Commissioners agree to waive the tap fees since the tap is there and also allow the impact fees to be paid at a later time so the organization can hold more fund raising events. Superintendent White stated the fees could be paid prior to issuing the Certificate of Occupancy. Jean Cordrey, 403 Ferry Street, asked what they would end up paying. President Gosnell stated the impact fees are \$7600 combined for water and sewer. Bruce Parry, 605 Railway Street, asked if the fees could be paid over a time period. President Gosnell stated no, not in his opinion. Commissioner Schneider made a motion to allow the tap fees to be waived for the home Operation We Care is building and to allow the impact fees to be collected prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henry. All were in favor, so carried.

President Gosnell stated a new election judge will need to be appointed. Commissioner Bennett stated Jean Cordrey would like to be considered. President Gosnell stated Audrey English would like to be considered. After discussion, Commissioner Bennett made a motion to appoint Jean Cordrey as an election judge. Commissioner Henry seconded the motion. All were in favor, so carried.

Circuit Rider Mangini reported on the Comprehensive Plan update, Critical Areas Ordinance Update, Historical Museum grant, and the emergency grant to repair the pier at Cherry Beach. Commissioner Bennett asked if being a sustainable community would open up grant

opportunities to help residents improve their properties. Mr. Mangini stated yes there are grant programs available to do those things.

President Gosnell stated he and Superintendant White went shopping for a new truck at Hertrich and Preston Ford. They received a better price from Preston Ford with the fleet code. The truck they looked at is an F250 V8 4WD with a snow package work truck with a price of \$32453.00 plus fees. Half of the price will be paid with highway user funds and the remainder to be financed. Clerk/Treasurer Schneider stated it has been budgeted to finance it for 3 years. Commissioner Bennett made a motion to purchase the truck as quoted from Preston Ford, which was seconded by Commissioner Schneider. All were in favor, so carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Commissioners received a request from the Historical Commission to renew the appointments of the following members: Teresa Herring, Nancy Springer, Jane Sonnier, Mary-Louise Richardson, Barry Mullin, Sandy Rose, and Delores Tarpley. They also requested to remove Clay Tarpley from the Commission membership due to being inactive. Commissioner Schneider made a motion to approve the requests as written, which was seconded by Commissioner Bradley. All were in favor, so carried.

President Gosnell stated he was contacted by Heroes Haven to ask if the Commissioners would be willing to give this year's heroes a "Key to the Town" as they have done in the past. They will be coming to Town the week of October 15<sup>th</sup>. There are five new participants this year. Commissioner Bradley made a motion to give the Wounded Heroes a "Key to the Town", which was seconded by Commissioner Schneider. All were in favor, so carried.

President Gosnell asked for Commissioners comments. Commissioner Schneider stated the grant that Parks and Recreation applied for to replace the roof and benches at the Cherry Beach pavilion was to be heard by the State Board of Public Works and hopefully will have received approval by the next meeting.

Commissioner Bennett stated the Historical Commission will be holding an Open House at the Town Hall on November 4<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 4pm.

Superintendant White stated he met with two companies about fixing the affluent line.

Commissioner Bradley asked if State Highway could be called to cut the ditches around the by-pass again.

President Gosnell asked for public comments. Chasity Landing, 400 Nanticoke Street, stated the bushes on the property behind her are overgrown and are impeding the view from the driveway on to Corporation Road. Superintendant White stated he would cut the bushes back to the road and send the property owner a letter.

Jean Cordrey, 403 Ferry Street, stated the water tower is already looking bad since it was painted last. Superintendent White stated we are due to have the tank cleaned soon and are working getting permits, if needed. The last time the tower was painted, the paint used was supposed to prevent mildew buildup, but due to the rainy weather and high humidity it has built up anyway.

Bruce Parry, 605 Railway Street, asked why the street sweeper does not come more often. President Gosnell stated normally they come twice a year. They were supposed to come the week of Heritage Day but were unable to due to hurricane preparations.

There were no other comments. Commissioner Schneider made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Bennett. All were in favor, so carried.

President Gosnell adjourned the meeting at 8:24pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Adkins  
Commission Secretary