

**SHARPTOWN REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
November 19, 2018**

President Gosnell called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Bennett, Schneider, Henry, Clerk/Treasurer Schneider, Secretary Adkins, and resident Nancy Springer. Commissioner Bradley was absent.

Commissioner Schneider made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 5th regular meeting. A second was made by Commissioner Henry. All were in favor, so carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

The Commissioners reviewed a letter from Farmers Bank of Willards stating with the Towns approval of the construction drawings for the sidewalks on State Street, they are prepared to proceed with completion of the work. The projected completion date is March 31, 2019 due to the potential of weather delays. The Commissioners agreed the letter is sufficient to begin issuing building permits for home construction on State Street.

The Commissioners will hold a work session on December 12th at 7pm to discuss options for the acquisition of 502 Nanticoke Street.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Gosnell stated the Town Election will be held December 1st from 2pm to 6pm at the Town Hall. The candidates on the ballot will be Jerry Bennett, Cecil Bradley, and Matthew Schneider. Clerk/Treasurer Schneider stated the Supervisors of Elections are comprised of Janet Fox, Nancy Springer, and Jean Cordrey. The Committee members met earlier in the day and Janet Fox and Jean Cordrey were sworn in for their terms. The Committee appointed Nancy Springer to serve as chairperson. The Committee will meet at 1:30pm on Election Day to prepare.

Tracey Gordy from Maryland Department of Planning reviewed a draft of proposed changes and updates to the Critical Areas ordinance. The majority of the changes in the ordinance are removing definitions that do not apply to Sharptown, and rearranging text sections for a better organized document. She also reviewed proposed changes to the modified buffer areas on the critical area map. The proposed changes occur in the 100 foot buffer area of certain parcels along the river. Currently if a property owner wants to build within the 100 foot buffer, they are required to submit the plans to the Critical Area Commission for comment and obtain a variance from the Board of Appeals which can be a lengthy and costly process. If approved, and depending on what type of work they want to do, the variance requirement could be waived and the permitting could be handled on the Town level which will lessen the hardship on the property owners. After discussion, Commissioner Bennett made a motion to adopt the proposed changes

to the Critical Areas Ordinance and the proposed changes to the Modified Buffer Area of the map, which was seconded by Commissioner Schneider. All were in favor, so carried.

President Gosnell stated Joe Mangini has looked into radar speed signs for Sharptown. The Town of Pittsville is also interested in getting one. The company, ElanCity, will sell two in a package at a discounted price. Commissioner Bennett made a motion to purchase two speed signs at the discounted price, and share the costs with Pittsville. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion. All were in favor, so carried.

President Gosnell stated the hydrant at Railway and State Streets was replaced.

President Gosnell stated there was a water leak on Main Street and has been repaired.

Clerk/Treasurer Schneider distributed the 2018 FY Audit. If any questions, feel free to ask.

President Gosnell stated the next ESAM dinner/meeting is on January 22nd at Fishermans Inn. Please RSVP to Secretary Adkins.

President Gosnell asked for Commissioners comments. Commissioner Bennett stated the Annual Tree Lighting will be December 2nd at 6pm. He also stated he wanted the town to look into a retirement plan for employees. President Gosnell recommended bringing in someone to go over options with the town. Commissioner Bennett stated he would look into it and a work session could be scheduled in the New Year.

President Gosnell asked for public comments. There were none.

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 8:18pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Adkins
Commission Secretary