

**SHARPTOWN REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
November 2, 2020**

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

Commissioner Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 19th meeting, which seconded by Commissioner Schneider. All were in favor, so carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Circuit Rider Joe Mangini reported on the Towns grant projects. 502 Nanticoke Street: he has requested a refund of the Wicomico County taxes paid on the property. The contractor who is clearing the lot has submitted multiple change orders on the cost of clearing the property. He requested two increases totaling \$1000 for unforeseen additional costs of the dumpster and concrete removal. He requested a third increase of \$750 of the cost to remove the sidewalk and steps. After discussion, Commissioner Schneider made a motion to deny the third price increase, which was seconded by Commissioner Bradley. All were in favor, so carried.

Mr. Mangini stated the DHCD has approved the request to reallocate grant funds for the purchase of the old school building and we are free to move forward.

The Commissioners discussed the draft of the Information for Bidders for the sidewalk project. The bids for the sidewalk replacement project will be due by November 12th at 1pm.

Attorney Mathers reported a letter was sent to Farmers Bank of Willards requesting they issue the letter of credit for Pecan Corner. They agreed to issue it for 25% of construction costs. Attorney Mathers will send to the Town for approval.

President Gosnell stated a resident was sent a letter about the goats they have on their property being a violation of the Animal Control Ordinance. The resident submitted a registration form and ID cards stating they are emotional support animals. Attorney Mathers stated while the registrations do not legally exist, due to the Fair Housing Act the Town must give her opportunity to prove she has a disability that would qualify for an exemption to the ordinance.

President Gosnell stated he spoke with Jason Loar at DBF about the project to fix the issues at the sewer plant. Due to the recent rains, the flows are very high but once they go down they will begin the process of taking down plant 1 to inspect and repair. And the process will be repeated for Plant 2.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Town Commissioners election will be held Saturday December 5th. The deadline to file for Commissioner is 3:30pm on November 16th. Two positions will be elected.

President Gosnell stated the Town was approached by the land owner at the end of Corporation Road. He would like to build a new home on the lot and is considering annexing the property into Town to connect to the water and sewer systems. Attorney Mathers discussed the process of annexation and suggested meeting with the owner to come to agreement on the process and fees before he formally files for annexation. Once he files, the process is time sensitive. Attorney Mathers will send the process information to Clerk/Treasurer Schneider.

President Gosnell asked for Commissioners comments. Commissioner Schneider discussed Halloween. Everyone felt it went well and the road closures were a good idea.

President Gosnell asked for public comment. There were none.

Commissioner Bradley made a motion to adjourn the Commissioners meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Schneider. All were in favor, so carried.

President Gosnell adjourned the meeting at 8:09p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Adkins
Commission Secretary