

**SHARPTOWN REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
February 20, 2024**

President Gosnell called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Bennett, Henry, Bradley and Schneider, Clerk/Treasurer Schneider, and Secretary Manes, Attorney Witz, Mark Carroll, and Nancy Springer

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

Commissioner Schneider made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Bradley. All agreed, so carried.

Commissioner Schneider made a motion to pay the bills as stated on page 4, which was seconded by Commissioner Bradley. All agreed, so carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Circuit Rider Mangini sent his report via e-mail. The grant funds we received to repair the roof on the old school is not enough to cover the costs. The roof is not imperative to be fixed as of yet. If we revise our “scope of work” to give to DBH, then we should be able to redirect the grant money to a different area of the school.

He also reported that there has been no movement in the Living Shoreline Project from Unity Landscapes or DNR. The resident on the neighboring property has moved forward with her pier and bulkhead project.

Circuit Rider Mangini stated that himself, President Gosnell, Superintendent White, and Clerk/Treasurer Schneider met with Juel Gibbons of SERCAP last Friday to discuss the water meter project. She advised that we apply for a USDA grant to have a pre-engineering study done before we apply for USDA funding. SERCAP will do this for us at no cost to the town.

President Gosnell, Commissioner Bennett, Clerk/Treasurer Schneider, Secretary Manes, and Attorney Witz met with Paul Walker, a representative of Verizon. He has been in touch with us to get us to take the payout they are offering, rather than us keep our contract with them. The Town has done research on this type of offer and it appears to be somewhat of a scam. Commissioner Schneider made a motion to have Attorney Witz draft a letter to Mr. Walker/Verizon declining their offer which was seconded by Commissioner Bennett. All were in favor, so carried.

Superintendent White sent an update regarding the pipe lining project. He stated that they are finished with manholes 1-4, 7-11, and 15-18. State Street 4-5 is severely cracked and needs a sleeve to complete it, which will be tomorrow. Superintendent White also stated that he spoke with them about getting a camera on Fourth Street between Nanticoke Street and Swan Street due to high flow in that area. They will do it after they are finished with our current project. They will measure and get us a quote.

President Gosnell stated that he currently has two (2) bids for the paving project, Houck and Delmarva Paving. They are scheduled to be opened Feb. 23, 2024 at 2:30 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Bennett stated that the Sharptown Historical Commission would like permission from the Commissioners to donate the P.T. White blueprints to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. He stated that the blueprints are fragile and it would cost a lot of money to have them preserved. The museum has shown interest in the past regarding the blueprints. Commissioner Bennett made a motion to allow the Historical Commission to donate the plans to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels, MD with a second from Commissioner Bradley. All were in favor, so carried.

President Gosnell reported that the Town is in need of another sewer pump because the current ones are aging and could give out. We will use impact fees to cover the cost. Commissioner Bradley made a motion to get the pump using impact fees with a second from Commissioner Schneider. All were in favor, so carried.

President Gosnell asked for Commissioner comments. Commissioner Schneider reported that the Good Sports Awards Banquet was last Thursday and the Catfish Tournament is coming up on April 13, 2024.

President Gosnell asked for public comment. It was mentioned that the potholes by the Post Office, Dollar General, and a small one on Main Street are bad and can we get them filled in?

Ms. Nancy gave an update from the Historical Commission stating that they set up committees for Heritage Day.

Commissioner Bradley made a motion to adjourn the Commissioners meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Bennett. All agreed, so carried.

President Gosnell adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Manes
Commission Secretary