

**SHARPTOWN REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
February 5, 2024**

President Gosnell called the meeting to order at 7:31p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Bennett, Henry and Schneider Clerk/Treasurer Schneider, and Secretary Manes, Superintendent White, Attorney Witz, Circuit Rider Mangini, County Councilman Jeff Merritt, Captain Wiersberg and Lieutenant Alessandrini of the Wicomico Sheriff's Department, Mark Carroll, and Nancy Springer

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Clerk/Treasurer Schneider read Resolution #2024-02-05 aloud. Commissioner Henry made a motion to pass the Resolution. It was seconded by Commissioner Bennett. All agreed, so carried.

Commissioner Schneider stated that he and his wife were in attendance at the ESAM dinner. The meal was not good. Some items of note that were discussed was the Kirwan Bill, At Risk Youth, and MD Rural Water looking for interns for wastewater treatment facilities.

Circuit Rider Mangini discussed the Living Shoreline project moving forward.

He mentioned that we received the grant money from the State, but it is not enough to cover the cost of a new roof for the old school. The roof is not currently leaking and, therefore; not imperative that it gets updated at this stage of the game. Superintendent White reminded the group that the sewer still needs to be replaced. President Gosnell stated that he will hold a Committee meeting soon to discuss all of the new information.

Circuit Rider Mangini stated that himself, President Gosnell, Superintendent White, and Clerk/Treasurer Schneider will be meeting with SERCAP on February 16, 2024 to discuss the water meter project.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Gosnell stated that we received the Southern Corrosion Report. No issues.

President Gosnell shared that the Town received a letter from Paul Walker, a representative from Verizon, who is looking to renegotiate our contract with them. The new contract would charge

Verizon \$1000.00 per month versus the current contract which charges \$1700.00 for their rental of the space. The Town's attorney will draft a response letter to Mr. Walker declining the offer.

There are a few spots in town where the road is in need of repaving, Main Street & Taylor Street. We have two companies, Houck Paving and Delmarva Paving. We are looking for a third company.

Sharptown Parks and Recreation has submitted names of three at large members, Danny Murphy and Kara and Robbie Ennis. Commissioner Henry made a motion to accept the new members, with a second from Commissioner Schneider. All agreed, so carried.

Sharptown Historical Commission also submitted the name of a new member, Jim Judy. Commissioner Henry made a motion to accept the new member with a second from Commissioner Schneider. All agreed, so carried.

President Gosnell reported that the 2005 town truck needed to have the radiator repaired for a leak and new shocks put on as well.

Commissioner Henry reported that he attended the Planning & Zoning meeting regarding the Adkins property on Main street. He stated that letters were sent to both developers requesting more information on their plans for the property. Superintendent White suggested the Planning and Zoning Committee should meet with each developer separately.

Superintendent White reported that the sewer flows are 234,000 gal. coming in and 191,000 gal. going out. I&I is scheduled to come out to begin work on Monday February, 12, 2024.

He stated that we are in need of a replacement pump motor for the sewer plant. It will cost approximately \$17,000.

The banners have been put up around town and have stayed up so far.

Superintendent White has been working with Tracey on repairing the dock down at Cherry Beach. They are looking for grants to help pay for it. After the last over the dock tide, some of the boards lifted off and needed to be replaced.

That Tree Guy has completed the work around town that he was asked to do.

Commissioner Henry stated that he attended the municipality meeting with the County Executive. She introduced the new Assistant Director of Public Works. The meeting will be help once per quarter.

President Gosnell asked the attorney if it was possible/legal for Commissioners to call in or video chat during Commissioners' meetings. It was confirmed that it is ok for Commissioners to do so if needed.

President Gosnell asked for public comments. Ms. Nancy Springer commented on how nice the trimmed trees around town look. She also thanked the town guys for putting up the banners and stated that they look good.

Captain Wiersberg and Lieutenant Alessandrini reported that there were 244 calls for service, 99 patrol checks, and 15-20 traffic stops last year.

County Councilman Merritt reported on the happenings in the County.

Mark Carroll reported that he went to the trial regarding the stolen goal post and the damage to the concession stand roof. The defendant got PBJ and was only required to pay for the cost of the net (\$60). It could not be proven that he was involved in the damage to the roof.

Mark Carroll also reported that in a recent visit to Cope Bennett Park he noticed that a soccer goal had been broken and that Ms. Dot's tree had been run down again. Superintendent White suggested putting up a gate and poles so only foot traffic can enter the area unless the gate is unlocked.

There were no Commissioner comments.

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

President Gosnell adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Manes
Commission Secretary