

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

President Gosnell called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Henry, Schneider, and Bradley, Clerk/Treasurer Schneider, Secretary Manes, Attorney Mathers, Circuit Rider Mangini, Wicomico County Councilman Merritt, Ralph Cordrey, Nancy Springer, and Mark Carroll.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Circuit Rider Mangini reported that Mike Weedleton is currently working with DHCD and the Maryland Historical Trust regarding the appropriate replacement windows at the old school.

There is a new survey regarding the Living Shoreline Project. Wicomico County has been asked to participate as some of the areas in need of attention are on County property which is adjacent to Town property. The County has agreed to sure up the bulkhead at Cope Bennett field temporarily until the entire project can be completed. The entire project is projected to take about (5) five years.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Gosnell reported that he and Superintendent White have spoken and that the Town's plumbing inspections should be contracted out to First State Inspections, rather than the County. First State has sent over a contract which has been approved by the Town Attorney. First State Inspections also has the ability to perform other construction related inspections as well if needed in the future. Commissioner Henry made a motion to accept the contract by First State Inspections with a second from Commissioner Schneider. All agreed, so carried.

President Gosnell stated that the Town should draft an ordinance regarding the meter pits being Town property. This ordinance is in response to a recent incident where a resident tampered with the pipe inside of the meter pit on his property, therefore potentially jeopardizing the health and safety of the residents of Sharptown.

Mark Carroll reported that regular registration for soccer ended on August 1st and there are (200) two-hundred players registered.

He also stated that the County has lost funding for the port-o-lets at Cherry Beach and the free fishing area. We will see what we can do about getting more for those areas.

Mark is considering a skate park for the area between the bridge and the fence for the old pickle plant. He believes there is a need and that Sharptown would be considered and underserved area that would qualify for a grant for this particular project. President Gosnell has previously done research into skate parks and stated that he will share it with Mark if he would like to see it.

Mark reported that Mike Carbaugh – the man who does the fireworks for Heritage Day suggested that they be launched from the river. They will be bigger and there will not need to be any areas that are closed for safety. That will increase the cost of the show from \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00. Sharptown Recreation and Parks agreed to the upgrade.

There were no Commissioner comments.

President Gosnell asked for any public comments. Ralph Cordrey expressed his concerns over people speeding down Ferry Street. He is specifically concerned about people riding around on golf carts who cross over Ferry Street. There are two intersections where it is hard to see people coming and he is afraid that someone will be hurt. He stated that Mardela has a deputy that patrols five days per month and we should ask them about the details of it and maybe we could do the same.

Wicomico County Councilman Jeff Merritt gave a rundown of things happening in the County including the Firefighter Tax Credit was passed, MMHS phase 4 is due to be completed on time, encrypted communications began on July 9, 2024, and the Wicomico Sheriff's office is fully staffed and will have two more school resource officers this year.

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

President Gosnell adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Manes
Commission Secretary