

**SHARPTOWN REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
November 4, 2024**

President Gosnell called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Henry, Schneider, and Bradley. Also present were, Clerk/Treasurer Schneider, Superintendent White, Secretary Manes, Attorney Witz, Circuit Rider Mangini, Wicomico County Councilman Jeff Merritt, Jason Loar and Nick Bradley of DBF, Mark Carroll, and Nancy Springer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Circuit Rider Mangini reported he is about one-third of the way through working on the Coastal Waterway grant for the Living Shoreline project. It is due mid-December.

He also reported that the old school is in its third phase of work. Windows are being done next. Circuit Rider Mangini is planning on applying for a Bond Bill through the General Assembly. He will take the lead on reaching out for more information.

On October 22nd, President Gosnell, Commissioner Henry, Superintendent White, and Secretary Manes met to discuss the Meter Ordinance and the Cannabis Ordinance. We have come up with a draft of each for the Commissioners to look over and give feedback on.

President Gosnell reported that the Town's Emergency Management Plan has updated phone numbers as well as the chain of command procedure.

President Gosnell spoke with some members of the Lower Eastern Shore Mayors Association who looked farther into the situation of LGIT dropping the Town's coverage due to not re-enrolling in MML. The MML dues have been paid for the year, so there is a whole year to find an alternative solution for the Town.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Gosnell announced the nominations for Board of Elections Supervisors. They are Nancy Springer, Janet Fox, and Bonnie Lowe. Commissioner Schneider made a motion to approve all three nominations, with a second from Commissioner Bradley.

He also reported that there is a LESMA dinner scheduled for November 21st in Pocomoke, if any Commissioners would like to attend.

Sharptown recently received a lead survey passed down from the EPA to Maryland Department of the Environment. The Town is to take inventory of all of the water service lines and their composition, on both the private and public sides. Jason Loar and Nick Bradley from Davis, Bowen, & Friedel came out to help explain to the Commissioners what the Town's responsibilities are now as well as what to expect in the future. Superintendent White stated that all of the pipes on the Town's side were replaced in 1990 and are up to code. In the future, municipalities will be responsible for knowing and documenting all of the water service lines both public and private. There is a letter that will be sent out, on or before November 15th, to each household explaining the above information. Mr. Loar suggested offering a public meeting in order to answer questions and concerns.

Superintendent White announced that the air lines at the sewer plant are being replaced and the motherboard for the generator transfer switch has failed, but is being refurbished because they do not make them anymore. It will be fixed in about a week. The generator is still operable by hand in the meantime.

He also stated that rental inspections are currently happening.

Nancy stated that the Tree Lighting will be on November 30th.

Mark reported that Santa's Workshop is on November 30th at the church and will go right into the tree lighting ceremony. He also stated that the Sharptown adult soccer team played Wor-Wic's soccer team for their very first game.

Councilman Merritt reported on the happenings in the County, including a reminder of the burn ban in effect that has now gone state-wide.

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

President Gosnell adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Manes
Commission Secretary