

SHARPTOWN REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
August 3, 2026

President Schneider called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Bennett, Bradley, Henry and Carroll. Also present were Secretary Katie Favinger, Attorney Erica Witz, Circuit Rider Joe Mangini, Wicomico County Councilman Jeff Merritt, Jim Adkins, and Sam Eckert from DNR.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

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

Commissioner Bennett 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 that the grant for the old school was submitted and we are still waiting to hear back. The Community Parks and Playgrounds grant is due on August 19, 2026. He will meet with Commissioner Carroll to get that submitted.

Circuit Rider Mangini introduced Sam Eckert from DNR who is working on the Town's part of the living shoreline. The design grant came in for \$20,000. The area to be completed is the back right corner behind the sewer plant and the area on Ferry Street to the right of the old bridge. There is a stormwater pipe that needs updating there that will also be included in the project. Sam presented the Commissioners with the drawings from Unity Landscape and asked for questions. Commissioner Carroll asked who would be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the area. Mr. Eckert said it would be the Town's responsibility and a maintenance plan will have to be included as part of the construction grant plan. Mr. Eckert also stated that a maintenance contract with Unity Landscape is also an option. The construction grant will need to be applied for by December 2026. Mr. Eckert will update everyone in one of the September meetings.

President Schneider reported that the bridge property works better than the Halloween Hill area for Simple Fiber due to its proximity to the bridge. We are currently waiting for an offer.

He also stated that currently the Halloween Hill area is not incorporated into the Town and he would like to get that done.

The Planning and Zoning Commission was supposed to have a meeting on July 28th regarding the ADU's, but it was cancelled due to a severe storm. The next meeting is scheduled for August 29th.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Schneider reported that there was a major water main leak on the Town's end on Railway Street. 5,000,000 gallons flowed in a span of two months, average is typically 800,000 gallons. It was repaired as soon as it was discovered. The repair should fix the water discoloration issues that have been happening in Town.

President Schneider stated that there have been a few pump station issues at the WWTP. The PLC was not communicating and was replaced. The transducer also needs to be replaced as well as the floats which are fifteen (15) years old. Superintendent White is working on getting quotes.

The August 17th meeting needs to be cancelled due to most Commissioners not being available that day. Commissioner Carroll made a motion to cancel the August 17th meeting with a second from Commissioner Bradley. All agreed, so carried. Commissioner Bennett made a motion to pay the bills that come in in the interim with a second from Commissioner Bradley. All agreed, so carried.

Councilman Merritt extended congratulations to the Sharptown Fire Department on their 100-year anniversary. He also mentioned that the topic of data centers would be on the next agenda for the County Council meeting.

A resident of Sharptown requested to plant a butterfly garden in the area of Cherry Beach. It would serve as a gathering place for people as well as a memorial for a family member. The Commissioners could not authorize the use of the Cherry Beach area due to it being in the Critical Area. They decided that it would be best if Sharptown Rec & Parks could work with her and find a space more suitable.

Commissioner Carroll reported that there are 482 players signed up for soccer, with 180 of those being from Sharptown.

Reminder that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8th due to Labor Day.

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

President Schneider adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Favinger
Commission Secretary