

**SHARPTOWN REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
September 8, 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 Clerk-Treasurer Judy Schneider, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Jenn Horowitz, Superintendent Billy White, Secretary Katie Favinger, Attorney Erica Witz, Circuit Rider Joe Mangini, Sharptown P&Z Chairman Tom Bowden, Wicomico County Councilman Jeff Merritt, Jim Adkins, 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 Bennett. All agreed, so carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Circuit Rider Mangini reported that he is still waiting to hear back from DHCD regarding grant funding, however; they did ask for the Town's audit reports and the budgets in order to move forward. Mr. Mangini also reported that the \$500,000 senate application is still in limbo and have not heard anything regarding it.

Circuit Rider Mangini plans to put in for the grant to fix/replace the boat ramp at Cherry Beach. He also stated that Sam Eckert plans to attend the next meeting with more information on the Living Shoreline project.

The TMCR grant has not been approved yet.

President Schneider reported that the Cherry Beach property works for Simple Fiber due to its proximity to the bridge. We are still waiting for an offer from them.

President Schneider asked for input regarding a Town Parking Resolution, as some areas have become a public safety hazard. The Commissioners agreed to table the discussion.

The Planning and Zoning Commission has submitted their suggestions to the Commissioners for an ordinance regarding the State's ADU mandate. The Town will need to pass the ordinance by October 1st. The Commissioners agreed to have Erica draft an ordinance based on the Planning & Zoning's suggestions with a few adjustments - do not have separate water and sewer lines run, as that would increase the cost vastly, but still impose an impact fee for hook up. Commissioner Carroll made a motion to accept with the adjustments, with a second from Commissioner Bradley. All agreed, so carried.

President Schneider stated that the Town has formally requested a statement of qualifications from licensed architectural and engineering firms to provide professional on-call services to the Town as needed. The only firm to respond was the one we currently have, Davis, Bowen, & Friedel (DBF). Commissioner Bradley made a motion to approve DBF as the Town's Engineer, with a second from Commissioner Bennett. All agreed, so carried.

President Schneider announced that the new historical marker has been installed by the State on Rt. 313 near the old Pickle Plant. The location is not ideal, but the placement came from the State.

Commissioner Carroll asked the other Commissioners if it was ok to use the property around the old school for Heritage Day events. The Commission agreed.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Schneider reported that Verizon offered the Town a lump sum to buy out the lease on the Verizon Tower. The Commissioners reviewed the current lease as well as the buyout sum which was not in the Town's favor. Commissioner Carroll made a motion to deny the buyout with a second from Commissioner Bradley. All agreed, so carried.

President Schneider and Secretary Favinger met with a representative from Talkie Wireless. They are interested in putting their equipment on the Town's water tower to provide wireless internet services. The Town has a call into Southern Corrosion asking them for their opinion on possible placement before any decisions are made.

The Town has received two paving quotes for paving Ferry Street. and Joe Morgan Road. Russell Paving quoted \$249,000. Mike Houck Construction quoted \$180,905. Commissioner Bennett made a motion to use Mike Houck Construction, with a second from Commissioner Carroll. All agreed, so carried.

President Schneider would like to hold a work session to discuss quotes for new water meters on September 22nd at 7pm.

Superintendent White reported that a few of the decking boards on the Cherry Beach dock had come off and have since been replaced. They all need to be replaced, but they get done as needed. Two of the laterals on the small dock are missing and need replacement.

He also reported that he reached out to Freemire & Associates for a quote on a new WWTP pump monitoring. The current company RACO, has not been alerting employees as it is supposed to during pump issues. The quote was presented to the Commissioners. Commissioner Carroll made a motion to accept the quote pending clarification that the \$511 charge for cellular communications is for the year and not a monthly charge, with a second from Commissioner Bradley. All agreed, so carried. Superintendent White will call the company in the morning to make sure that the \$511 is in fact, yearly.

President Schneider announced that the J. Millard Tawes Crab & Clam Bake is being held on September 23rd. Any staff or Commissioner who would like to attend, please let Secretary Favinger know by September 17th if you'd like to attend.

Councilman Merritt briefed everyone on the happenings in the County. He stated that in November there will be a work session with all the incoming council members.

Nancy Springer stated that she has seen children riding on mini motor bikes. She said they speed, ride on the sidewalks, and don't obey stop signs. She is worried that someone may be hurt or killed. The Commission agreed. They stated that the police should be called especially when dangerous behavior is happening.

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

President Schneider adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Favinger
Commission Secretary