



Town Meeting

Saxis Town Hall

Monday, February 6, 2023 @ 7:00pm—49' Full Moon, clear & cold

Council Members Present: Lee Miles, Wayne McCleary, Donna Croushore, Bryan Shreaves, Denise Chance, and Darrell Marshall

Mayor Denise Drewer- Present

Town Clerk Mariann Miller-Present

Town residents present: Ellie Payne, Ethan Hart, Mason Nelson, Debbie Hohman, Jan Foerster, Tammy Miles, and Aubrey & Valerie Justice.

Special Guests: Mr. & Mrs. Sammy Cooper

*The meeting was called to order by Mayor Drewer and a warm welcome to Mr. & Mrs. Sammy Cooper
Mariann opened with the Lord's prayer.*

Mr. Sammy Cooper – Clerk of Accomack County Court swore in Mayor Denise Drewer for the 2023-2024 session. He then swore in all council members for the 2023-2024 session-New: Bryan Shreaves and Denise Chance. Renewed: Lee Miles, Darrell Marshall, Wayne McCleary, and Donna Croushore. All members rec'd the Oath of Office certificate.

The December meeting minutes were reviewed. Lee motioned to accept the minutes as written and Darrell seconded the motion. Minutes accepted. Unanimously passed.

General Business:

Denise Chance asked about changing the Christmas Decorating contest, so everyone has a chance to win. It seems like only a few people, the same people decorate and some of the same ones win every year. Is there a way to change the contest rules so everyone has a chance. Everyone included their ideas, but no firm decision was made.

Mayor Drewer brought up the need for a vote for Vice Mayor. All council members wrote the person's name they chose on a slip of paper and the votes were counted by the clerk. Lee Miles is the new Vice Mayor as of 2/6/2023 per the council's vote.

Mayor stated we need to advertise for a zoning member to replace Denise Chance. Presently we have the following people on the zoning committee:

Jim Lewis

Aubrey Justice

Mark Miles

Beverly Hart

We want to be sure that the person we vote on is knowledgeable of the town, its residents, the rules, and can attend the meeting. A flyer will be placed in the post office and town office to advertise. We will post on the Historic Saxis Island page as well.

The council had questions: When are we going to put the ordinances online so people can access the information?

Mayor stated we are working with Donna about where we could start.

They talked about just putting the simple ones online first and then moving forward with the more extensive ones last.

Denise Chance asked if we could use some of the grant monies to hire someone to do this.

Ethan Hart spoke up to the audience and said he could probably get this done for us. They asked if we could bring the ordinances to the next meeting. Mayor stated that let's get the website up and running and we can begin with the smaller ordinances. Bryan asked about spraying for the insects. We need to do something different as his kids cannot even go outside without getting eaten alive even after the spraying has been done. Can we use some of the grant money or tax money to do something that will work. Many budget more money for this to benefit the whole town and also the visitors coming to the island.

Bryan has talked to Cory and he would rather someone else do it because of the time it takes him to come over and then go back home. Mayor stated that she is open to suggestions. Mason Nelson stated he would volunteer to get certified for spraying and oversee it if we provide the spray and the vehicle. Bryan asked him to reach out to Cory and see what he needs to complete. Denise Chance said that you have to go to classes and take a test every year to get recertified.



Mason will talk to Cory and let us know at the next meeting. Bryan also brought up the speeding on our roads. Everyday there are people that go really fast and it needs to stop before someone gets hurt. He asked if the town wanted to see about select services that some of the officers do. 4 hours a day and these hours are not announced to anyone. He will investigate price and availability. Summertime is coming and we all want to keep our kids safe. Denise and Aubrey offered that it is the same offenders every day.

Mayor stated we have Covid money we can use for certain Law enforcement duties. Donna reminded everyone of the Easter event coming up on April 2, 2023 and said that we need to schedule a community meeting.

Floor Opened

Tammy Miles stated that we should take the extra money we need for spraying from the Food & Beverage tax we charge the restaurants.

Aubrey stated that the damage done to the Firehouse and town office has been turned into the insurance company . We will be getting 16,000 for drywall, carpeting, painting, and cleaning. We may also need to cut some drywall out to prevent mold and mildew since we have had a problem before. Mayor and Aubrey will coordinate the cleanup.

Close Floor

Darrell made a motion to pay the bills and Lee seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bryan seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mariann Miler
Saxis Town Clerk*