

Saxis Town Meeting

Monday, June 5, 2023

I. Call to order

Mayor called the meeting to order

Mariann lead us in the Lord's Prayer

Mayor welcomed Wayne back and council welcomed Mayor back.

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

Absent: Donna Croushore

Mayor Denise Drewer: Present

Town Clerk present: Mariann Miller

Town Residents present: Mark Miles, Annette Martin, Ken Glisson, Ellie Payne, Mason Nelson, Debbie Hohman, Jan Foerster and Patti McCleary.

Lee motioned to accept the minutes from the May meeting as written and Darrell seconded the motion. Unanimously passed-minutes approved

New Business:

Budget for 2023-2024- Mayor handed out a copy of the budget to each council member. She then explained each entry. She asked council to review and we will have a public meeting July 3, 2023 @7:00pm in the firehouse for any questions, concerns. The budget was advertised in the Post newspaper for two weeks prior to the vote.

Town Website- Denise Chance made up brochures for the town using pictures that Jim Lewis had. Ethan was not available to attend the meeting, but we have a card for him to begin. Council will meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, June 13 to they are able to get the draft that Denise has changed to a tri-fold, etc.

We are looking to update the Town sign and do some landscaping as well with this grant.

Fishing Pier Lights- 3 Lights have been purchased and Bryan will put up when he has time.

Update regarding Law Enforcement- From the last conversation about this nothing really has changed. Bryan suggested it might help to use rumble strips but then we punish the good people along with the violators. Council said it was worth a try to see if it would work. We don't want to see the drugs dealers coming into our town.

Island Road- This company is supposed to be fixing our road but they are making it worse. Our cars are taking the blunt of the damage since we have to travel it twice a day for work. Is VDOT monitoring their work to see if it is being done correctly?

Mosquito Control- Mason said he would be able to take the test in 14 business days and they would give him license on the spot that day if he passes. Mayor said that write now it is approximately \$260.00 per spray. Debbie Hohman spoke and said that her and her husband have a Bug Magnet that sucks the bugs in. It

runs on propane and cost them about \$800.00 some time ago. It covers 1 acre and last about 1 month per tank.

Air B&B Tax- Denise Chance found online that Onley charges 2% per rental Chincoteague charges 5%, as does Onley and Onancock. Cape Charles charges 4%, Wachapreague charges a \$4.00 per night per rental fee. Parksley charges a permit fee annually. Flat Fee---Mayor has 5 Air B&B's here on Saxis. They charge her 5.3% sales tax and 5% transit tax already. Mayor says the Town of Saxis gets nothing. The 5% is going to the county. We need to talk to town lawyer to see if we could change the town ordinance and bring that money into the town. More information is needed to make some decisions. Possible we could speak to one of the towns and find out what they are doing. Table until next meeting.

Picnic Table and Grill Area- Mayor spoke on the property has been maintained as Daniel Linton had it. Material costs for each picnic table \$270.00 each and a grill would probably run \$250.00 or \$300.00. Will can build these in a day or day a half. We will also purchase a swing set or some other recreation piece for the area. Army corps was here to look at spoil site. They have another grant if they can make it happen. We could sell some of the fill to cover cost of the picnic area. Will this effect the picnic area if they move the fill? Will they come into the harbor to dredge since they didn't last time? We need answers from The Army Corp. Mayor Drewer stated that the county will possibly purchase Miss Lucy's house and give it back to the town. We are waiting to find out the outcome on that.

Control Burns- Mayor says the trailer is not on Personal Property ledger. At this time, no PP taxes are being charged. Bryan said a burn will not clean up the mess. Push the debris back in the phragmite's and let it cover the junk. No, the fire company will burn & Adam will be responsible for taking away the metal frame.

Cameras at Harbor- Harbor cameras can go back 21 days. Mayor said Hance does all that surveillance of the tapes.

Floor Open-

Bryan said 2 people had texted him about the trash can at the pier. Mayor will take care of it. She has extra cans and will get one down there. Denise asked about the road at the Harbor. Mayor stated we take care of that every year. We use crush and run to fill the holes and behind the stalls. Flags and Banners for Christmas are still up. Mayor stated she was waiting until we got closer to 4th of July but Will can take care of it soon. Mayor also stated that everyone to think about what we would like to do moving forward. Banners or Flags? Denise Chance said she will talk to Jimmy Moyer and get some suggestions from him. Ken stated that maybe we need a town manager to take care of all these things. Mayor stated we don't have the money to pay for a town manager. He also said the ditches all over town are bad and the state or county will not take care of them. Mayor stated their equipment broke and they have not been back, but she will make another call to see what is happening with them. Jan Foerster asked 'What can be done about the fox'? Several people said to call animal control and they will possibly come over and trap them and take them away. Also, other people are having issues too.

Floor Closed

Bryan motioned to pay the bills and Darrell seconded the motion. Unanimously Passed.
Denise C. motioned to adjourn the meeting and Darrell seconded the motion.
Unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mariann Miller