



*Town Meeting
Saxis Town Hall
Monday, November 6, 2023 @ 7:00pm— Chilly 56'*

*Council Members Present: Lee Miles, Bryan Shreaves, Denise Chance, Darrell Marshall, and Wayne McCleary
Council Members Absent: Donna Croushore
Mayor Denise Drewer- Present
Town Clerk Mariann Miller-Present
Town residents present: Ellie Payne, Tammy Miles*

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Denise Drewer and Mariann Miller opened with the Lord's Prayer.

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

General Business

Update on the Island Road- Mayor stated she had talked to Chris Isdell regarding the Island Road. He told her about the area around John Shertenlieb's crab house will all have to be replaced, including the bulkhead. He said that we will have a new road in 2024 as well. Overall, it looks like a four-million-dollar project.

*Computers Grant-*We have received the grant monies for the computer in the amount of \$700.00. Mayor asked Lee and Bryan to present to the next Fire Co meeting to see if they would donate to the town to pay for some of the cost for their two computers.

Air B&B's- Discussion with the council and Mayor suggested we could make an ordinance for the Air B&B's. She would have to send to Mike Mason and Debbie Midgett. Air B&B will still collect their monies, but will we tell the county to pay us quarterly?? Either way 3% will have to be used for tourism. Mayor stated that we need to talk to the tourism agents for more information. It would be great if we did the ordinance, and we still could get the grant. We would need a template for the ordinance to make it our own. You really could look at it in a few diverse ways: Everybody would prefer the money to come back to the town, but will we still be able to get the Tourism grant? Which one is more profitable? The economy may also change as it has over the past three years. Business has dropped off. Mayor stated that she has no problem giving her information on the Air B&B's history, but she is not the only owner. Others may not want to give out their sales, etc. Denise Chance said people who may want to live here cannot find any places to rent or buy. Lee asked if we could impose a limit on the Air B&B's? Mayor stated she will discuss with Accomack County regarding that question.

Oyster Roast 2023- Mayor stated we have 101 people verses last year 103 people. She said the expenses were \$2270.93—All cash sales and credit cards-\$5240.50 for a total profit of \$2975.72.

New Town Sign- Phillips Sign Co will be designing and installing the town sign—The old sign split in half. Mayor passed out several different options on the sign for the council to review. Darrell Marshall made a motion to go with the sign -Welcome to Saxis in the red lettering and seconded by Bryan Shreaves. Unanimously passed.

Christmas Decorating Contest— It is a go again this year. We will get the information out to all.

New Town Park- Dennis Lane---Mayor stated we need to decide on what we want because we may need an extension on the money that was granted to us. We also need to get with Tommy Dix's and get the land formally owned by Daniel Linton transferred over to the town.



VDOT has fixed Dennis Lane, so it is much better to travel on. We could start with three picnic tables with covers-8ft and 2 grills with concrete bases. A swing set with slide as well.

Denise Chance has ordered more brochures and Denise and Denise will meet with Mr. Bill to review the website on Wed @6 pm.

Hance has updated the catwalks at the harbor with stainless steel screws to repair. He has placed a wooden barrier at the front of the parking lot so cars will not be able to park on the sidewalk at damage it and added Mulch to the anchor at the harbor as well this month.

Lee motioned to pay the bills and Wayne seconded the motion.

Wayne motioned to adjourn the meeting and Lee seconded the motion.

Unanimously passed.

Opened the meeting back up to open the Floor for comments.

Ellie said the pools will open tomorrow at 6:00 am and close at 7:00 pm. Looking for a steady crowd tomorrow.

Floor Closed

Mayor stated that the Town event is December 3, 2023

Denise asked about Mason. She said that the people reviewing his paperwork were supposed to call her and she has not received any call yet.

Lee motioned to pay the bills and Wayne seconded the motion.

Wayne motioned to adjourn the meeting and Lee seconded the motion.

Unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mariann Miler
Saxis Town Clerk*