



Town Meeting

Saxis Town Hall

Monday, October 2, 2023 @ 7:00pm— Weather- Sunny ---Warm 72'

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, Debbie Hohman, Aubrey Justice, Tammy Miles, Sammy & Cedrick Cooper, Beverly Hart, Bill Taggart, Andy Linton, and Jeff Parks Sr.

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

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

Mayor introduced Sammy Cooper & his son Cedrick Cooper. Sammy Cooper addressed the crowd regarding his job as the Clerk of the Accomack County Circuit court for 40 years. He talked about his time as the clerk and how he always had an open-door policy. He is supporting his son Cedrick to continue his legacy as the new Clerk of the court and thinks he is a good fit for the job. He introduced Cedrick and he spoke about his wishes to continue his Father's legacy and not to change anything.

Jeffrey Parks Sr. -He is seeking a seat on the Board of Supervisors for District 4. He told us about his hometown of Clam, VA. He gave the room a summary of his background, Homeland Security, business owner, FEMA, and Army Corp of Engineers as well as Shoreline Erosion projects. He is a problem solver and said the Shore is my home and I will work to secure the shoreline and solve the many problems we have in District 4.

General Business

Update on the Island Road- Bryan stated we need to wait until they are done and then contact Accomack County.

Computers Purchased- The Town purchased two computers for the Town office, one laptop and one desktop. We had a donation of \$500.00 from an anonymous donor. They asked if we knew anything about the computer grant, we applied for in the amount of \$700.00. Mayor stated we still do not know if we received it yet, but we should know by the next meeting.

Town Website: Mr. Bill is the gentleman who is helping us build the website. He has set up a template for us and we must tweak it and add our pictures etc..... Once Denise Chance comes back from her vacation, she will arrange a meeting to work with him.

Oyster Roast: Mayor has sent out flyers and she has called the people who come every year. We would be happy if about 150 people showed up. Mayor and Sherrye will be shopping tomorrow for supplies. Tammy & Lee Miles shucked and froze the corn on the cob. Marvin is doing the BBQ this year and Terry Collins will be the DJ. We will have a short meeting prior to the Oyster Roast on Oct 12 @ 6:00 pm to discuss.



Donation for Church- The Methodist church needs a new Christmas Tree. The fire company has donated \$300.00 towards it and Tammy Miles asked if the Town would match that amount. After discussing, Darrell made a motion to donate to the Saxis Methodist Church \$300.00 for a new Christmas Tree and Bryan seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

County Ordinance for Air B&B's- Mayor found out more information- The town can do an ordinance for the Air B&Bs to change where the revenue goes but we must stop the county from collecting from the Air B&B's. If we could meet before the next town meeting, we could come up with a method to try to change it, so the town gets the funds collected and not the county. The Board of Supervisors would have to agree upon as well. We can work out the issues once Denise Chance gets back from vacation. Tabled until next meeting.

VA Tourism Group- Mayor went to take the brochures to VA Tourism- They have a lighted display. MK Miles suggested we add Sherrye's Snack Shack and the Sunset Café' to the display. We are having a group from Virginia Tourism on October 11, 2023. We do this every year. There are about forty people, and we serve them seafood for lunch. We want to treat them good as we get grants completed when they are offered, and they help keep us updated with the grants that are available.

Spill site road- Denise Chance asked if we are still thinking about doing the improvements. Tammy asked about more bridges to cross from side to side. Mayor stated, hopefully they will add a few more but the Army Corp is scheduled to come over prior to start so we will speak to them about that. Mayor stated the ditches need to be cleaned and we will need some landscaping. Bryan asked about dredging and when it is scheduled to start. Mayor stated 2024-2025 right now. Bryan asked about Mason getting the mosquito spraying certificate. We need to call him and follow up. What about the spraying monies? Does it just roll over to the next year? Yes, is the answer.

Bryan suggested an accounting of funds along with the agenda and monthly meeting notes so that the council knows how much money is always available.

Open Floor

Beverly Hart asked if it was possible to put the Agenda and Monthly Meeting Notes on the Town Website as well as a calendar of events that are scheduled for the coming months. Mayor answered that once the website is up and running, we will start to do this. She was also concerned about the ditches and the flooding.

Jeff Parks (Candidate for the Board of Supervisors District 4) The county Water Shed act was thrown out which may cause more trouble in the end. It is possible that flooding will affect tourism on the island as well. He stated that nobody on the planning committee will support the towns.

Aubrey Justice- Concerned about the ditches. Mayor stated that there is material we can put in the ditches to help.

Tammy stated that the town has a raffle for a basket valued at \$700.00 for the Oyster Roast.

Floor Closed

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

Denise made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Darrell seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mariann Miler
Saxis Town Clerk