***Town Meeting***

***Saxis Town Hall***

***Monday, March 4, 2024 @ 7:00pm— Rainy and 50’***

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

***Council Members Absent: Donna Croushore***

***Mayor Denise Drewer- Absent***

***Town Clerk Mariann Miller-Present***

***Town residents present: Ellie Payne, Deborah Hohman, Tammy Miles, Patti McCleary***

***The meeting was called to order by Vice- Mayor Lee Miles and clerk Mariann Miller opened with the Lord’s Prayer.***

***The February meeting minutes were reviewed. Wayne motioned to accept the minutes as written, and Darrell seconded the motion. Minutes accepted. Unanimously passed.***

***Nothing on Agenda to discuss.***

***General Business***

***Lee asked the council if they had any questions. Bryan asked if anyone had found out more information about the Electrolysis at the Harbor? Everyone said they had not. Bryan also said that several watermen had told him that there are electric outlets that are not working still. Mariann asked who said their outlets were not working? Bryan said, Bill Bailey and AW Williams. Mariann said she would get Hance to look at them. Ellie asked what was happening at the Harbor as she missed last meeting. Bryan and Lee explained the situation to her.***

***Bryan asked about Mosquito spraying for this year. Now that Mason is out of the picture and Cory has no time to spray, we need to look for someone that will spray. We need someone to spray. Mariann was going to ask Chincoteague who does their spraying in town. Bryan asked the council to start thinking about it. Bryan said that VDOT has started burning the marsh areas and that should help some. Bryan asked about bank accounts, how much money we have in what accounts? He wants to know how much is in each account so that if we want to purchase something we know how much we have to spend.***

***Bryan motioned to have a treasurer’s report monthly (per meeting) on paper with each account to each council member. Denise seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.***

***Denise stated she thinks that we need to get some regulations in writing. She said “Look at what Parksley is going through with the Food Truck situation” we need rules and regulations before we get ourselves in some legal issues. Same with the Short-Term rentals -think about it—do we do the same as Wachapregue or what are we going to do. Do we set a limit on them? We need to start thinking about the future of Saxis and not just the present. Bryan stated a lot of the older people are dying and strangers are buying the houses and making Air B&B’s out of them. Denise -you have to make a rule to change- Onancock only allows one per person. If you look at the statistics for Saxis:***

***Med Age-56***

***10.9% Ratio of Children***

***158 houses and only 84 are full time residents.***

***I do not want this town to turn into Chincoteague, Tammy said that even her boy, coming out of college cannot find any place to live. Denise said we need to entice the young people to move to Saxis, we must find a way. Bryan said at the end of the day, we all want Saxis to remain the same. Like back in the fifties.***

 ***Take the time to read the rules and regulations-come back to the next meeting and present your ideas. Darrell mentioned why do you think people do not want to move here? No housing, no jobs, etc.…***

***Bryan said” There are not a lot of towns left that are like Saxis and that is what me and my family like about it.***

***Tabled for next meeting.***

***Floor Open***

***No response***

***Floor Closed***

***Bryan reminded everyone about the Pancake dinner and Silent Auction. Ellie reminded everyone about the election tomorrow.***

***Wayne motioned to pay the bills and Darrell seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.***

***Darrell motioned to adjourn the meeting and Bryan seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.***

***Meeting adjourned.***

 ***Respectfully submitted,***

***Mariann Miler***

***Saxis Town Clerk***