

REGULAR MEETING

July 15, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Ross Benincasa at 7:33pm. Attending the meeting were Commissioners Ross Benincasa, Steve Higdon, and Sandra Higdon; Circuit Rider Jennifer Shull; and Michael Garrett, clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2019 town meeting by Commissioner Steve Higdon, Seconded by Commissioner Sandra Higdon.

Financial statement was read and approved as read motioned by Commissioner Steve Higdon, seconded by Commissioner Sandra Higdon.

Announcements

- In the future when we decide to renovate the town hall, Delmarva Power has said that they will come out and re-do the electrical and replace our current lights with LED lighting at no cost to the town.
- Town of Hillsboro would like to gauge public interest in putting rain barrels on private property to help cut down the amount of water run-off
- August work session will be August 12, 2019. On the agenda: Planning Commission update, Caroline County Emergency services update, Emergency Mitigation plan and a report from the Diocese of Easton on future plans for the Retreat House.

OLD BUSINESS

In regard to the flooding/storm water drainage project, there is nothing new to report.

In regard to the matter of eradicating the wild cherry trees, Mr. Sonny Eaton will come out and mow the meadow a second time and someone from forestry will come out and spray the wild cherry trees. Mr. Eaton will also do an initial cut through of a walking path through the meadow, then the Town's grass cutters will upkeep it from there.

In regard to Violet Humphries' request to be able to have chickens in the Town, there is nothing new to report.

In regard to the issue of trying to curb speeding through town, the State Highway Administration will do a 90 day survey of the traffic through town to determine what measures we can take as far as additional signage for posted speed limits, and any other options that may be available to us. Caroline County Sheriff's office has been increasing surveillance and running radar to help decrease speeding through town.

In regards to Town of Hillsboro having started the process of becoming a sustainable community, there is nothing new to report.

In regards to acquiring the property located at 11206 Tuckahoe Road there is nothing new to report.

In regards to the Hillsboro town website, a live draft of the website is still in progress. Individual email links will be on the website.

In regards to burning in the town of Hillsboro, clerk has searched the Ordinances and Resolutions binder and found nothing about burning inside of town limits.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Benincasa will speak with Meg Gallagher about a time to set up Narcan training at the Retreat House.

The State of Maryland is renaming a section of MD Route 404 in Memory of Daniel "Danny" Lister who died in the line of duty responding to an auto accident on MD 404. The clerk is to draft a letter that shows the Town of Hillsboro supports the name change.

Playground mulch needs a refill. Looks like it may take two truck loads. Commissioner Benincasa will get in touch with Sue Simmons and Mark Lacochoa of Caroline County Recreation & Parks to obtain more mulch.

The Town Hall rental agreement has been revamped with rules and regulations added to the document as well as new verbiage to make the agreement more comprehensive outlining specific responsibilities for renters.

Commissioner Sandra Higdon will look into the CD rates of different banks to see who has the best CD rate for the CD maturing September 16, 2019.

Commissioner Steve Higdon made a motion for the introduction of Open Air Burning Ordinance that was seconded by Commissioner Sandra Higdon. The Clerk is to put notice in the Times Record for the two weeks prior to the August meeting.

Commissioner Steve Higdon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm which was seconded by Commissioner Sandra Higdon.

Motion to approve bills to be paid – Commissioner Steve Higdon, second by Commissioner Sandra Higdon

Michael Garrett (Clerk fee) – \$250.00
Delmarva Power (street lights) – \$434.27
Delmarva Power (community building) – \$51.96
Chesapeake Waste – \$745.50
Joey's Lawn Care- \$180.00
Infinity Recycling- \$125. 00
LGIT Property and Liability Insurance \$398.00
Maryland Municipal League Annual Dues \$276.15