***Town Meeting***

***Saxis Town Hall***

***Monday, June 3, 2024 @ 7:00pm— Warm and Muggy 80’***

***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, Deborah Hohman, Tammy Miles, Patti McCleary,***

***Brad Taylor, Andy Linton, Jan & Lou Ann Foerster, Bill Taggart, Lorie Thomas, Ann Lewis, Keith & Valerie Sherbert, Mark Miles, and Annette Martin.***

***The meeting was called to order by Mayor Denise Drewer.***

***Mariann Miller-clerk opened with the Lord’s Prayer.***

***The April 1,2024 meeting minutes were reviewed. Lee motioned to accept the minutes as written, and Bryan seconded the motion. Minutes accepted. Unanimously passed.***

**General Business**

Mayor spoke- *We have received a CFPF Grant- Community Flood Preparedness Grant*- She explained that the grant was for $250,000.00. Representatives from the Dept of Conservation and Recreation were in attendance to explain the details: Mayor introduced Susan and Jill. They talked about the requirements for the Grant. We must have a plan for spending the money explaining the risks of Flooding currently and how to implement your project(s). We will need to put together a proposal, including the community, on how we are going to save our town from washing away. They explained that a lot of money is out there up for grabs; for example: National Fish & Wildlife Service have money available, etc. Jill said that any kind of funding has a match or percentage you must pay. With that said, she told the floor that they had written the proposal. The time they spend doing that will be considered an hourly wage and that will go towards the match as incline services. Susan spoke about the requirements for getting the grant as well. She said they are currently working on a project in Oyster, VA and hope to learn and apply to the Saxis, VA project. Most of the monies will be used to hire a consultant to produce a plan. Denise questions the match-working with engineers, planners- Susan said they will help us with the project step by step. We need to hold a community meeting to get the town involved. We will have 36 months to complete the project. Tammy asked what kind type of programs this money can be used for; Erosion, drainage ditches, floating docks as well as raising roads. Keith Sherbert asked if an ordinance was needed to adopt the plan. Mayor stated, “No ordinance needed.’ Lou Ann suggested they do something with the ditches. Mayor asked if everyone agreed. Council -Bryan says, so you are going to use 250,000 to hire a consultant and then we need to apply for another grant to pay for the Plan? Is everyone on board?

*Darrell made a motion to accept the CFPF Community Flood Preparedness Fund of $250,000 and Lee seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.*

Mayor turned the meeting over to Vice-Mayor Lee Miles. We said the council has put *rules & regulations in place in the Town of Saxis to regulate homestays and STR (Short Term Rentals).* Denise Chance read the Ordinance aloud to everyone. Asked if anyone had questions: Mariann asked about the council having the authority to enter the property? The council said that someone would contact the owners before that was done. Brad asked, “Who would enter the property if this happened”? A council member or police officer if owner is not available. Ellie asked the council to explain about the 10 STR’s and the three extra means. After one person has 10 STR’s, they will no longer be able to add anymore. Lee asked for a motion: *Wayne made the motion to adopt the ordinance for the STR and Homestays as written, and Bryan seconded the motion. Unanimously passed*.

The meeting was turned back over to Mayor Drewer. Mayor stated that the Health Dept made a visit to the Harbor last week. They noted in their report that we are in violation on our pump out station as it does not work. He gave us information on applying for a grant to cover the charge for a new one up to 75% and we would be responsible for the remaining funds. We have applied for the grant and once we receive the information back, we will bring it up at the next meeting.

Mayor asked Brad if he had an update on the Electric at the Harbor. Brad explained the process and if we run the conduit along the dock and have the amin hookup at the pump house-Box with four plugs-pedals, it would be approximately $20,000. If we do conduit, Pipe, drenches, everything together would be around $56,000. He said, we could put the electric on new 4x4 poles, but we still need new Electric run. Mayor stated we could apply for this money in February 2025 through the Virginia Port Authority, we should hold off till then. She asked about the Electrolysis. Brad, are the boats/batteries still hooked up? Phillips, Tony Wheatley, Eddie Landon, and Andrew Parks. Brad said he was not sure about them all. Mayor said she would get Hance to give them an option move to the other side or remove their battery from constant charging. See what happens? Mark Miles said the lift needs to be fixed. Brad stated he had a friend that could work on the lift, and he would get up with him.

*Town of Saxis Budget for 2024-2025*- Mayor went over each entry and explained where the numbers came from, etc. We will advertise the budget for two consecutive weeks in the Post and vote on the budget at the July 1 meeting.

Denise Chance asked if we would need a DJ for the Oyster Roast. Larry has a friend that could do it. Just let her know. Bryan Shreaves talked to Tim Midgett. He said we are not on the list to burn the marsh this spring. Bryan said he will continue to work on this with the Fire company.

Black Fly Boxes- Debbie Hohman is making the town two Fly boxes. We are going to set them up at the Harbor near the Pavilion and see how they do. The materials were $190 for two boxes, and she charges $50 to put one together.

**Open Floor**

**Ellie asked all to come and vote or we will not have this polling station if we do not get enough people to vote. We would have to go to Arcadia or Atlantic or another polling station to vote. June 18 Dual Primary. Tammy asked about the Oyster Roast. Is the firm date the 19thso she can do the flyer. Yes, the firm date is the 19th per Mayor.**

**Closed Floor**

**Darrell motioned to pay the bills.**

**Denise seconded the motion.**

**Unanimously passed.**

**Wayne motioned to adjourn the meeting.**

**Lee seconded the motion.**

**Unanimously passed.**

**Meeting adjourned**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Mariann Miller**

**Saxis Town Clerk**