

Town of Little Creek Council Meeting Minutes for November 7, 2022

The meeting of the Little Creek Town Board was called to order at 7:04 pm by Commissioner Edward Strouse. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Board members and residents in attendance and a moment of silence was observed. Having observed that four out of four members of the Board of Commissioners were present in person and one member was in attendance via Zoom call for the November meeting, Commissioner Theresa May declared to all persons in attendance that there was a quorum and therefore the Town Council was free to conduct business and begin the meeting. The four members of the Board of Commissioners present for the Town of Little Creek Council Meeting: Commissioner Ed Strouse, Commissioner Carol Puleo, Commissioner Jason Arrington, and Commissioner Theresa May. Commissioner Adrienne Hegman attended via Zoom call. Three members of the public were in attendance in person for the general meeting: Terry Gentry, Sam Gentry, Clay Crommet. Four members of the public attended the meeting via the Zoom option: Judy Hegman, Doug Hegman, Susan Freese, and Penny Gentry.

The meeting minutes from the previous month were electronically sent to the commissioners for their review prior to this meeting. These minutes were also made available to all in attendance as hard copies. All commissioners on the board reviewed the minutes from October 3, 2022, and Commissioner Puleo made a motion to accept the minutes received from the secretary/clerk as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Arrington and put to a full board vote where it was passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report was read aloud by Commissioner Hegman to the full assembly. A motion to accept the report from the October 3, 2022, to November 7, 2022, time period was made by Commissioner May and seconded by Commissioner Arrington. When presented for a vote to the full board it was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hegman stated the pending bills and provided information on what these bills covered. The formal motion to pay all the bills was made by Commissioner May. This motion was seconded by Commissioners Puleo and Arrington and put to full board for a vote. The Board unanimously passed the motion to pay the current bills.

Committee Reports

- a) **Planning Commission** – Carol Williams and Commissioner Arrington
 - No report
- b) **Parks and Recreation** – Commissioner Hegman
 - Nothing to report
 - i) **Dog Park** (Mr. Hegman/Ms. Freese/Mr. Courtney)
 - Things going well
 - Need to order more bags for cans and dog park
- c) **Code Enforcement** – Commissioner Puleo
 - Hearing held on October 31, 2022
 - House with bullet hole damage has holes covered with tape so it is within County compliance standards and does not present a safety issue
 - Letter sent to Edwards concerning property across from Cavalier's property

- No new correspondence with anyone connected with Grow property
- Any properties that were issued a 30-days to comply or make arrangements with Town Council, letter that have not responded will be elevated to next level and submitted to the County
- October 9, 2022, Council received email communication from Windswept Circle (aka Laughing Gull property) informing the Town of Little Creek that they had purchased the parcel from Zimmerman's
- Address currently on file for Laughing Gull (Bird Turd LLC) is incorrect. Need to find correct address.
- Cavalier's owns parcels of property on both sides of Main Street

d) **Little Creek Fire Company Report** – President Frazier/Chief Scott Bundek

- No one present from Fire Department to give this report.

Old Business

- a) **Northern Flood Study** - Commissioner Strouse
 - Emails received
 - Working toward favorable outcome
- b) **Bayshore Byways Grant** – Commissioner Strouse
 - In progress. Due by end of the month.
 - Mayor Strouse walked through Cavalier property and North Flood Study with representatives from U of D two weeks ago.
 - FEMA Grant is being written and all areas needing to be addressed. The areas north of town up to and including the area in front of the Post Office will be part of the repairs listed for the grant. This will include replacing the pipes that are broken underneath Main Street at the Post Office/Townhall location.
 - U of D will work with Cavalier's property. U of D has connections with Bayshore Byways and will investigate status.
- c) **ARPA** (American Rescue Plan Act) – Commissioner Strouse
 - \$17,001.21
 - Reimbursement went smoothly for the sidewalks. These funds will be used for Flood Study efforts.
- d) **Community Partnerships** - Commissioner May
 - Nothing else to report
- e) **Electric Rate Increase** – Commissioner Strouse
 - Nothing to report
- f) **Book Box** – Commissioner Hegman
 - Commissioner Hegman acquired a cabinet that did not weatherproof well enough to use as the book exchange box
 - Motion made by Commissioner Hegman to have Town purchase Book Box found online for \$479.90 and seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Motion was put to full vote by the Board of Commissioners where it was passed unanimously.
- g) **Solar Farm** – Commissioner Strouse

- Levy Court Hearing date for the proposed Solar Farm was rescheduled to December 15, 2022

h) Tree Lighting – Commissioner Strouse

- December 2, 2022
- Committee organizing event will be donating all items
- Event is free to public
- Santa has been secured for the event and will arrive at 7 pm
- Upcoming Tree Lighting Event: Committee looking for input and volunteers

New Business – Commissioner Strouse

a) NMA Hazard Mitigation Plan – Commissioner Strouse

- Must have mitigation action plan to cover the project planned for flood mitigation
- 3 actions to be included in this plan were presented for vote by the Board. Action 1, motion made by Commissioner May to adopt this action and seconded by Commissioners Puleo and Arrington. Presented to full Board for vote and passed unanimously. Action 2, motion made by Commissioner Arrington to adopt this action and seconded by Commissioner May. Presented to full Board for vote and passed unanimously. Action 3, motion made by Commissioner Arrington to adopt this action and seconded by Commissioner Puleo. Presented to full Board for a vote and passed unanimously.
- The NMA Hazard Mitigation Plan was voted on and unanimously adopted by the Town of Little Creek Board of Commissioners on this date, November 7, 2022, in the presence of residents in attendance during the monthly Town Council Meeting.
- A letter will be drafted on Official Town Letterhead for Council approval and then submitted to the County to be placed on file.

b) Townhall Electric – Commissioner Strouse

- Received quote to install breaker box for townhall and tree. Tudor quote is \$6,928.00. City of Dover quote extensively higher than Tudor quote and would be required to do more than what Town desires to do to gain access. City of Dover would also charge Town on two separate bills for electricity use.
- Investigating reinstating existing breaker box in area versus installation of new box.

c) Dump Truck Traffic – Commissioner Strouse

- Pennsy Supply trucks are gaining access to the beaches at Pickering and Kitts Hummock for replenishment. The trucks are overloaded with sand and traveling faster than recommended speed limit through Town. Mayor Strouse has spoken with Jeff Dawson of Pennsy Supply with concerns and may need to schedule a meeting with company. Town may need to consider charging Pennsy Supply more to use Main Street for their deliveries.

Public Comment

Floor was opened for public comment and Terry Gentry mentioned that she had contacted the State Police regarding the Pennsy Supply trucks and residential concerns but the police stated the concerns are not things they are able to address.

Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Commissioner May and seconded by Commissioners Arrington and Puleo. It was then put to the full Board for vote. All members having voted "Aye" the motion to adjourn was carried and the meeting was officially ended at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa May

Secretary