

## **Town of Little Creek Council Meeting Minutes for May 1, 2023**

The meeting of the Little Creek Town Board was called to order at 7:00 pm by Commissioner Edward Strouse. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence was observed. Three Commissioners were present in person and one Commissioner attended via Zoom option. Commissioner May declared that four out of four members of the Board of Commissioners were present for the meeting, therefore the Town Council was free to conduct business and begin the meeting. The three members of the Board of Commissioners present for the Town of Little Creek Council Meeting: Commissioner Ed Strouse, Commissioner Jason Arrington, and Commissioner Theresa May. The member who attended via Zoom was Adrienne Hegman. Five members of the public were in attendance in person for the general meeting:

Dennis May, Clay Crommett, Sam Gentry, Carol Puleo, and Richard Lucas. Four residents attended the meeting via Zoom: Carol Williams, and Bill Clark, Angie Strouse, and Terry 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 April 3, 2023, and Commissioner Hegman 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 covering the period from April 3, 2023, to May 1, 2023, was presented in written form at this meeting. Commissioner May made a motion to accept the report as presented and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Arrington. When put to a full vote by the board it was passed unanimously.

The current bills were presented as hard copies and distributed to the Council members and was made available at the meeting to attending residents. Commissioner Hegman asked that attendees review the explained bills as provided. The formal motion to pay all the bills was made by Commissioner Arrington. This motion was seconded by Commissioner May 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
  - Nothing new to report
- b) **Parks and Recreation** – Commissioner Hegman
  - Nothing new to report
    - i) **Dog Park** - Mr. Hegman/Ms. Freese/Mr. Courtney
      - More volunteers came forward to help with caring for the park on Saturday, 4/29/23.
      - Mr. Courtney will get the trash out for pick-up.
      - Leathers were replaced and the pumps are working well.
      - The council will reach out to the well company to help with pumps.
      - Sign is re-installed.

- c) **Code Enforcement** – Commissioner Strouse
  - A few lawns need to be mowed.
  - Cavalier's property has been transferred to Mr. Harrison (one of the original partners). The LLC for 111 Main Street has been dissolved.
- d) **Little Creek Fire Company Report** – President Frazier/Chief Scott Bundek
  - Kenny, Scott, and Jason are traveling to Heartland, Maine for truck ceremony.
  - Nothing new to report.

**Old Business** – Commissioner Strouse

- a) **Northern Flood Study** - Commissioner Strouse
  - FEMA Grant is in to do groundwork.
  - Waiting for approval
  - Business meeting went well, and Conservancy is willing to assist Town
- b) **Bayshore Byways Grant** – Commissioner Strouse
  - No news to share.
- c) **ARPA** (American Rescue Plan Act) – Commissioner Strouse
  - Nothing new to report.
- d) **Community Partnerships** - Commissioner May
  - Nothing new to report.
- e) **Southern Flood Study** – Commissioner Strouse
  - DNREC Coastal Programs will get a contractor and spend \$75,000 to do this study.
  - There will be no cost to the Town of Little Creek.
  - DelDOT is doing their own study of Route 9. DelDOT funds are available to carry out the project.
- f) **Pickle Ball Court** – Bill Clark
  - Contacted several contractors to get bids for adding a Pickle Ball Court to the park. The bids were still very high and outside what the Town can handle on its own.
  - Spoke to two people concerning management of the court. Delaware Parks and Recreation referred him to the Pickle Ball organization.
  - Once built, will need to post rules, post calendar for scheduling to use the court. Expect most people who want to use the court will have their own paddles and equipment.
  - Park Grant could cover repairs to the existing Basketball Court, new equipment for the current playground, signs, sunshades over benches, and installation of a Pickle Ball Court.
  - Proposals for the grant are due by May 14. Approval for a State Park Grant takes until December.
  - A motion was made to pursue park improvements grant by Commissioner May and seconded by Commissioner Hegman. When put to a vote of the full Board of Commissioners, the motion was passed, unanimously.

## **New Business – Commissioner Strouse**

### **a) ORPT – (Commissioner Strouse)**

- State Parks Grant. Town of Little Creek last used funds provided through an ORPT Grant in 1992/1993 for the current playground equipment.

## **Public Comment**

- Code enforcement questions were addressed by Mayor Strouse. He has contacted owners of properties in question and has been assured that concerns will be addressed.
- Steininger still owes Town back taxes. Complaint about grass on property will be turned over to the County for code violation.
- It was brought to the attention of Council that someone has been living in the house with the taped bullet holes.
- A sign has been placed at the Post Office regarding parking spots. There are a certain number of spots that must be designated for Post Office parking. Dog Park patrons have been using spots designated for Post Office use. We need parking for the Dog Park. Mayor Strouse has been working to find a temporary solution to this problem.

## **Adjournment**

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner May and seconded by Commissioner Arrington. It was then put to the full Board for a vote. All members having voted “Aye” the motion to adjourn was carried and the meeting was officially ended at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa May

Secretary