

## **Town of Little Creek Council Meeting Minutes for August 7, 2023**

The meeting of the Little Creek Town Board was called to order at 7:00 pm by Commissioner Jason Arrington. A motion was made by Commissioner Adrienne Hegman to skip the recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance and observance of a moment of silence. This motion was seconded by Commissioner May. When put to a vote it was approved unanimously by the Board. Three Commissioners were present in person. Commissioner Strouse was not in attendance. Commissioner May declared that three out of four members of the Board of Commissioners were present in person therefore the Town Council had a quorum and 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 Jason Arrington, Commissioner Adrienne Hegman, and Commissioner Theresa May. Five members of the public were in attendance in person for the general meeting: Dennis May, Carol Williams, Bill Clark, Sam Gentry, and Carol Puleo. Two residents attended the meeting via Zoom call: Clay Crommett, and Susan Freese.

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. A motion was made by Commissioner Hegman and seconded by Commissioner May to accept the minutes as received from the secretary/clerk. The motion was put to a full board vote where it was passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report covering the period from July 3, 2023, to August 7, 2023, was presented electronically to the members of the Board of Commissioners prior to the meeting. The report was presented in printed form to those in attendance and the residents were given the opportunity to look the document over and the floor was opened for any questions. Since there were no questions posed by the residents, 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 distributed to the Council members electronically and in print form to attending residents. The formal motion to pay all the current bills was made by Commissioner Hegman. 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
    - Nothing new to report

- c) **Code Enforcement** – Commissioner Strouse
  - Letter sent about dogs barking. William Grow is the responsible party for the property of concern. Other complaints have been noted and officials were contacted by residents. None of the agencies responded to the complaints. By the time this meeting was held, the dogs were no longer barking.
- d) Book Box has been vandalized. Residents who witnessed this have also identified the young person responsible.
- e) **Little Creek Fire Company Report** – President Frazier/Chief Scott Bundeck
  - No report

#### **Old Business** – Commissioner Strouse

- a) **Northern Flood Study** - Commissioner Strouse's designee
  - No change in status.
- b) **ARPA** (American Rescue Plan Act) – Commissioner Strouse's designee
  - No change in status.
- c) **Community Partnerships** - Commissioner May
  - Nothing new to report.
- d) **Southern Flood Study** – Commissioner Strouse's designee
  - No updates.
- e) **ORPT** – Commissioner Strouse's designee
  - In phase 2 of the grant process.
- f) **Delmarva Power Grant** - Commissioner May
  - The Town of Little Creek is not currently eligible for this grant.
  - Will revisit eligibility and reapply in Spring of 2024.
- g) **Town Comprehensive Plan** - Commissioner Arrington
  - Public Hearing for the Town Comprehensive Plan was held at 6 pm this evening. This fulfilled the Council's obligation to review the document and open the floor for comment. The formal motion to leave the current document as stands and revisit later was made by Commissioner May and seconded by Commissioner Hegman. When put to a vote of the Board members it was passed unanimously.
- h) **Pumps** – Commissioner Arrington
  - The wells at the dog park are shallow. We are still looking for better replacement pumps, but until a better pump is found, Commissioner Hegman has made a motion to purchase something similar to what is already installed. This motion was seconded by Commissioner May and put before the Board for vote where it was approved unanimously.

#### **New Business** – Commissioner Strouse's designee

- a) **Change of Date for September Town Council Meeting** – Commissioner Hegman
  - A motion was made to change the September Town Council meeting from September 4 to September 11. The was made by Commissioner Hegman and seconded by Commissioner May. When put to the Board for vote it was passed unanimously.

- b) **Hole at Bridge on South End of Town** – Commissioner Hegman
  - DelDOT is investigating. The hole is on the East side of Route 9 and the North side of Little River. The Town Council will ask the Fire Department to tape off the area with caution tape.
- c) **Electric Rate Increase** – Commissioner Hegman
  - Another rate increase took effect on August 1, 2023.

#### **Public Comment**

- A question was raised concerning the ORPT grant and the replacement of the parking lot at the Post Office.
- Replacement ideas for the Town Christmas Tree were expressed.
- Quotes for the surveillance cameras for the Town Hall and the Park/Dog Park area will be brought to the September Town Council Meeting.

#### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner May and seconded by Commissioner Hegman. Motion was carried, and the meeting officially ended at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa May

Secretary