

Town of Little Creek Council Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2024

The meeting of the Little Creek Town Board was called to order at 7:01 pm by Mayor Edward Strouse. Five Commissioners were present in person for the Town Council meeting. Commissioner Theresa May declared that five out of five members of the Board of Commissioners were present therefore, the Town Council had a quorum and was free to conduct business and begin the meeting. The five members of the Board of Commissioners present for the Town of Little Creek Council Meeting: Commissioner Edward Strouse, Commissioner Jason Arrington, Commissioner Adrienne Hegman, Commissioner Dennis May, and Commissioner Theresa May. Eight members of the public were in attendance in person for the general meeting: Joseph McGonigal, Shawn Brighenti, Joanne Sullivan, Judith Hegman, Penny Gentry, Sam Gentry, Clay Crommett, and Susan Freese. One resident attended the meeting via Zoom: Carol Williams.

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 D. 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 1, 2024, to August 5, 2024, was electronically shared to the members of the Board of Commissioners prior to the meeting and was made available as hard copies to all in attendance. The report was read to the those in attendance by Commissioner Hegman. The formal motion to pay accept the Treasurer' report as presented and to pay all of the current bills was made by Commissioner T. May. This motion was seconded by Commissioner D. May and put to full board for a vote. The Board unanimously passed the motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented and to pay the current bills.

Committee Reports

- a) **Planning Commission** – Carol Williams and Commissioner Arrington
 - Pending building permit for 168 Main Street for the purpose of building a garage.
 - Pending building permit for 215 Main Street. Check for \$10.00 was collected by Carol Williams.
- b) **Parks and Recreation** – Commissioner Hegman and Katie Patterson
 - Next movie in the park to be held on Saturday, September 14, 2024. Movie will begin at dusk. Double Feature.
 - i) **Dog Park** - Mr. Hegman/Ms. Freese
 - Small dog side of dog park has a pump that does not hold a prime.
- c) **Code Enforcement** – Commissioners Theresa and Dennis May
 - 215 Main Street began building without permits. Mayor Strouse contacted the County and they came out to address the issue. Permits were then submitted and approved.
 - 108 Bell – send a letter concerning height of grass.
 - 32 Wilson Lane – send a letter concerning rat problem.
 - 413 Main Street – Trash is being thrown in backyard and attracting rats.

- d) **Little Creek Fire Company Report** – President Frazier/Chief Scott Bundek
 - Concerns raised by company regarding the trash at 413 Main Street.

Old Business – Commissioner Strouse

- a) **Northern Flood Study** - Commissioner Strouse
 - Nature Conservatory is waiting for communication from Lebeau family. Cartanza family has agreed to farm any area that will not be used for flood mitigation.
- b) **ARPA** – Commissioner Strouse
 - Used some of this money to install spigots outside the Post Office and Townhall.
- c) **Southern Flood Study** – Commissioner Strouse
 - The implementation of the mitigation proposed in this study is on file and the project is on hold.
- d) **ORPT** – Commissioner Strouse
 - The town still needs to acquire one more bid for the proposed project.
 - Getting a new message board for the town. Old message board has been removed.
 - Mayor Strouse was approved for the second grant request. This award will be used to build a larger pavilion at the park and to build a permanent bathroom facility for use during Town Events only.
- e) **Cameras for Town Hall and Park** – Commissioner Strouse
 - The Town is still actively seeking out a qualified individual or company to install the cameras and monitoring system. Commissioner T. May will reach out to the Electrical Trades Teacher at St Georges to find an electrician to hire for this project.
- f) **South Little Creek Road Stop Signs Update** – Commissioner Strouse
 - There are no visible markings at the proposed site for the installation of new Stop signs; therefore, it is not known if DelDOT is moving forward with this project.
- g) **Pedestrian Study** – Commissioner Strouse
 - Paperwork has been signed and is ready to forward to the MPO.
- h) **Traffic Calming** – Commissioner Strouse
 - Mayor Strouse contacted Senator Buckson concerning the Town's plan to contact WBOC to raise awareness of the traffic concerns and violations occurring on Main Street, Little Creek. Senator Buckson has asked that the Town NOT contact the media. He plans to introduce legislation to get speed cameras for the town and at a lower cost than originally proposed.
- i) **Tow Yard** – Commissioner Strouse
 - The letter to the property owners of the Tow Yard has been drafted and presented to the Board of Commissioners. The draft is now ready to send to the Town solicitor for final approval before it is sent via certified mail to the owners.

New Business

- October 31, 2024 - Town-wide Trick or Treat

Public Comment

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner D. May. Motion was carried, and the meeting officially ended at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa May

Secretary