

Shawneeland Sanitary District Advisory Committee
Minutes of August 5, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Those in attendance were, Barry Vanmeter, William Swimley, Charity Thomas, Lynn Schmitt, Michelle Landon, Gary Lofton, Kevin Alderman and Kathy Smith, and 26 in the audience.

Barry Vanmeter then called for approval or corrections to the minutes for the May 5, 2013 meeting. Charity Thomas motioned to accept the minutes with no corrections made. Lynn Schmitt seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was open for public input from the audience. The committee was addressed with concerns of safety at various intersections. A resident spoke on his concerns of how the mail service is handled for the residents. He has contacted the Post Office officials about the issues. The committee was made aware that a better access is needed at Swan Lake for the fire company. A petition was presented to the committee of residents that would like to see the old mail house structure redone and made into a welcome center. Other residents spoke on taking the structure down and landscaping the entrance area.

The meeting was then turned to the discussion of the fate of the old mail house. It was discussed that a sub-committee be formed to raise funds to improve the old mail house. No funds have been allotted in the current Sanitary District FY 13/14 budget for improvements for that structure. Ms. Marianne Biviano volunteered to chair that committee along with Ms. Ruth Perrine to assist. The sub-committee is to report back to the Sanitary District Advisory Committee with a status report.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss the engineers report on the Council House damage. After much discussion about the Ruckman Engineering inspection report that was performed on June 5, 2013 which involved a lot of costly and major repairs that needed to be done to secure the structure. The committee was made aware of a Historical Society Board that maybe able to help with repairs from grant funds. The committee was given a contact person. A motion was passed unanimously to contact the Historical Society Board to see if any grant funds would be available to repair the damage. If no funds are available for the needed repairs it would be torn down. The structure has been declared unsafe. Because of the unsafe conditions of the structure funds would come from the Sanitary District current FY13/14 budget.

The next item on the agenda was the concerns of a conditional use permit for Verizon Wireless and on property owned by Bertha McIlwee trust for a 195 foot tower and equipment shelter to be located at 2250 Back Mountain Road. The first concern would be of the maintenance vehicles using the Sanitary District roads to access the property but no fees would be paid to the Sanitary District. The other major concern is the strobe light for air craft that will be going off every evening that will impact multiple homes on

several trails. It will sit along the ridge line of Assateague Trail if approved at the Frederick County Board of Supervisor's meeting scheduled for August 14, 2013 at 7:00pm. The committee will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisor's to reject this plan at the August 14th because of these concerns. The motion was passed unanimously.

The next topic was the Lake Cherokee beach. It was expressed about the geese dropping and the smell. Lynn will look into options to deter the geese from the beach and report back to the committee.

Kevin took over the meeting and read the Manager's Report. The tar & chip contractor came back to retreat a couple of the main trails that had some issues. The committee was advised that the main trails are going to need to be paved because the tar & chip is not holding up. Per new regulations from the Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation for dam safety requires that the Lake needs to be lowered 8 inches. In order to lower the Lake level the pipe that is already deteriorating will need to be replaced. The spillway project is scheduled to start sometime in September or October. A speed bump will be installed at the parking lot at the bus shelter on Tomahawk Trail before school starts.

The meeting was adjourned at: 8:06 p.m.