

## **Shawneeland Sanitary District Advisory Committee - Minutes of August 3, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Those in attendance were Jimmy Smith, Jeff Stevens, Jason Croasdale, Ken Baker, Kevin Alderman, Director of Public Works Joe Wilder, and Supervisor Shawn Graber. Barry Van Meter and Michelle Springer was absent.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic social distancing guidelines, residents were unable to sit in on the meeting but could wait outside till their turn to enter the building and speak on their concerns. There were 2 residents and Supervisor Shawn Graber who spoke at the meeting.

Jimmy called for approval/correction of the February 3, 2020 and May 18, 2020 meeting minutes. The minutes passed unanimously.

### **Manager's Report:**

See Attached Manager's Report and Parking Policy.

### **New Business:**

#### **Budget Meeting for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 will be November 16, 2020.**

- There will not be a meeting on November 2, 2020. The meeting on November 16, 2020 will serve as the November quarterly meeting. This meeting will be used to discuss the upcoming budget before it goes to the Public Works Committee in December.

#### **"Did You Know" Posting:**

- Jimmy is proposing to do a posting once a month with questions and answers that citizens may have. These would be posted at both mailhouses and on the Facebook page.

#### **Lake Cherokee Beach:**

- There have been complaints about there not being lifeguards or security on the beach. It was corrected that Shawneeland did not have lifeguards but did have beach security. Kevin recommended to add \$15,000 - \$18,000 to the next budget cycle if the committee would like to have beach security. This will be something we can discuss at the budget meeting.

#### **SSDAC Facebook Page:**

- This was the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting live on Facebook. The meeting video is posted on the Facebook page named Shawneeland SSDAC committee. We are going to use our Facebook page to put out information. Everything will be linked to the Frederick County, VA website where the original information is. If there are comments or questions, we will answer them, but we will not go back and forth on Facebook. There was a suggestion to not allow comments therefore there would not be side conversations or individuals only conversating with 1 committee member.

#### **Open House:**

- We are looking at holding an open house on a Saturday in October. This will depend on the current pandemic and what the guidelines are in the future. We could invite the Frederick County Sheriff's Office, North Mountain Fire Department, and the contractor for the Tar & Chip project to come and answer questions. This would allow for residents to see the normal everyday going on of the staff in Shawneeland.

**CCAP:**

- The mobile ministry contacted the SSDAC at the request of Shawneeland residents to set-up in Shawneeland and disperse food to those in need. You did not have to be a CCAP client to receive the food. They were able to help 49 families within the community. The SSDAC is going to get more information about CCAP and their mission. If there are future giveaways in Shawneeland the date and time will be posted.

**Public Comments:**

**Supervisor Shawn Graber:**

- He spoke on a concern that he has heard from residents that the budget is brought forth by the Manager of Shawneeland and not the SSDAC. The concerned residents would like to see the SSDAC bring forth a budget that represents the community. This would allow for the SSDAC and the Manager to come together and reconcile a budget that works for the community.
- Would like to see the SSDAC work to get some ordinances passed to be enforceable by the county. This would be beneficial to all Sanitary District's.

**Lynn Schmitt:**

- Wanted to be clear and upfront that she is not saying that the maintenance crew does not work hard or do a great job.
- Has questions regarding the Tar & Chip and Grader Patching. She has contacted several companies and explained to them our process. Their process is different. When we grader patch a large area, we are counteracting ourselves because the Tar & Chip is not going to stick. Therefore, we must do it so often. Kevin responded by saying in his experience of 30 years it has been done by putting asphalt down, grader patch, and then tar & chip over it. The Tar & Chip seals the road. VDOT does the same process that we are doing.
- The dusting of the roads is unsafe for motorcycles. The response is that whether it be a motorcycle or a vehicle if they travel at the posted 25 mph speed limit then there would be no issues.
- Another issue that causes confusion with the community is that Frederick County equipment is not supposed to be on private property, but I have received photos and videos of equipment parked on private property.

**George Bishop:**

- The burned-out home at 504 Shawnee Trail has been abandoned since last year. What can be done and what will be done regarding

this issue? What would be the timeline that the structure would be demolished or restored?

- Non-Property owners on Shawnee Trail are speeding, some in excess of 50 mph. Many vehicles disregard the 3-way stop sign at the intersection of Shawnee Trail with Tecumseh and Bowman. He has personally witnessed 22 vehicles mow through that intersection without tapping the breaks. Would like to see the committee contact the Frederick County Sheriff's Office to have the area patrolled, enforce the speed limit, and issue citations.
- The owners of the 30 acres behind his house have put up a tree stand about 30 feet from his property line. He would like to have the committee look at it and to know what can or cannot be done. There is a big no hunting sign in Shawneeland.
- The condition of the beach and the lake. There is a no swimming sign posted at the boat ramp, but people still swim there. 1 of the reasons being that people bring their dogs to the beach area and don't clean up after them. Would like the committee to address this issue with some type of enforcement to the dog owners.

#### **Committee Comments:**

**Jeff Stevens:** Wanted to discuss the budget with Kevin. Would like to see Kevin save Shawneeland money by doing more work themselves. If short-staffed, you could hire someone from a temporary agency instead of hiring a person part-time or full-time. It was asked if we are short-staffed due to someone out on vacation and the answer was no. We need to keep our budget under the revenue that we bring in. He would like to come in and go over the budget with Kevin line by line.

**Jason Croasdale:** He is discouraged by only having 3 weeks for the committee to have input on the budget before it moves on to the Public Works Committee. Joe answered by saying the Board of Supervisors and the Finance Department sets the budget guidelines and calendar. We have no control over the process. This is not just for Shawneeland, all Frederick County departments have the same timeline. Are you going to fill the position? We may not fill the position. The direction that we received from the Board of Supervisors is that it will be at our discretion to fill the position.

Joe Wilder, Director of Public Works spoke on the budget process and how Kevin cannot meet with more than 1 person at a time to discuss the budget. If he meets with more than 1 person, it then must become a public meeting. We are going to do the best we can to communicate with all of you and the citizens. As soon as we receive the FY20 year-end numbers we will send them to the SSDAC, and it will be posted.

Jimmy adjourned the meeting.