

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Meeting of Eastville Town Council**  
**April 1, 2013**

**Council Members Present:** Councilman Todd Simpson, Councilwoman/Vice-Mayor Eleanor Gordon, Councilman John Crockett, Councilman Edgar Sturgis, Councilman Ben Fox, Councilwoman Nancy Mulligan and Mayor Jim Sturgis

**Council Members Not Present:** None

**Town Employees Present:** Linda Zieger: Bookkeeper

**Guest Speaker:** Charles McSwain, Director Northampton County Economic Development

At 7:00pm Mayor Jim Sturgis called the meeting to order. **A motion was made by Councilman Simpson to approve the minutes. Councilman Ben Fox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Sturgis introduced Charles McSwain, Northampton County's new Economic Development Director. Mr. McSwain provided the Council with his background information and then entered discussion as to what the Council saw as their vision for the town.

**Financial Report:** Linda Zieger, Bookkeeper, reported the Town had received a \$15,200 check that she did not know where the funds were from. It was determined by Councilman Simpson that it was both this year's allocation and last year's allocation from the State Fire Service reimbursement fund. She also stated that the FY2014 budget was in the process of being developed.

**Police Report:** Mayor Sturgis stated that Sgt. Eder was out of town so he distributed the police report for the month. He also stated that the town had \$18,000 in outstanding fines and that Sgt. Eder was doing what he could to get them distributed to the town. The State, at a certain dollar threshold receives a percentage of the fine revenue originating from the town. Linda attempted to contact the State Comptroller's office, but to no avail. It was decided that Vice-Mayor Gordon write a letter to both Senator Ralph Northam & Representative Lynwood Lewis addressing this issue on behalf of the Town of Eastville.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **POWWOW:** Mayor Sturgis expressed his appreciation of the matching funds from Northampton County to help the funding of the Town's Homecoming PowWow at Indiantown Park Memorial Day weekend. Mayor Sturgis also reported that the Town has insurance coverage for special events thru VML Insurance.
2. **TOWN POLICE CAR:** Councilman Simpson reported that Sgt. Eder had requested the Town consider replacing the Ford police car. Councilman Simpson said he had talked to the mechanic, Adam Zieger, who works on it and determined that with some work it could still be useful and suggested doing the maintenance and waiting before purchasing another car. The question of the safety of the officers with the older car was discussed. It was determined that Sgt. Eder should take the car to Straight Line Automotive in Cape Charles for a second opinion and report back to the Council next month. Councilman Fox then questioned whether the Town should look into providing our Police Dept. with Incident Based Reporting (IBR) software. It is believed that failure to implement this software by 2016 will result in Eastville not being qualified for 599 funds.
3. **RURAL WATER UPDATE:** Councilwoman Gordon reported the fire hydrant reported to be leaking at the northeast corner of Willow Oak Rd. and Courthouse Rd. by Kenny Reynolds from Rural Water has been replaced by David Summers, however, the leak at the railroad yard that he reported leaking has not yet been addressed. Councilwoman Gordon also stated that Mr. Reynolds would return to finish checking for leaks in our lines in May or June, but the leaks needed to be fixed before he returns. She also stated that VRW will not map our water system for us for free. There is software the Town can buy that we can input what the mapping finds. The mapping will have to be done manually by another party at a cost to be determined. Representatives from Draper Aden are scheduled to be at the May 6, 2013.

4. **OLD JAILS:** Concerns over the time passed from the initiation of the Old Jail Lease with the County and the suggestion of a possibility of an extension on the time frames in the contract were discussed. **Councilwoman Gordon moved to have Councilwoman Mulligan talk to County Administrator Katie Nunez about getting on an upcoming agenda with Northampton County Board of Supervisors in closed session to discuss the jail lease. Councilman Fox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

**At 9:46pm Councilman Simpson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Fox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jonny Stevenson  
Town Clerk