

**Minutes for the April 8, 2024 Cape Story by the Sea (CSBTS) General Meeting  
at Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church submitted by Todd Solomon**

Meeting Start: Called to order at 7:37 pm by President Diana Albis. 12 attendees were present.

Special Presentation/Guest: None

Officer Reports:

Secretary Report: March 11, 2024 minutes were distributed for approval. **A motion to approve the minutes with no corrections was made by Empsy Munden and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Schubert. The motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report: The report was presented by David Albis and accepted. \$15,302.67 total funds in Cape Story Accounts (\$12,424.48 Checking, \$2,878.19 Savings).

President's Report: Diana Albis informed us that the City Manager is proposing a 2.77% increase to the City budget for FY24/25. Real estate assessments are up but will be offset with a reduced tax rate. City Council will hold two public hearings (April 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>) to gather input before voting. Diana also mentioned that the City uses VBAAlert/Smart911 to inform residents of public safety situations. Sign up is free at the City's website.

1<sup>st</sup> V.P. Report: Empsy Munden provided from the recent CAC, BAC and VBCCO meetings. The VBCCO plans to host a Mayoral Debate at its Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting at Kellam HS. It will be open to all.

2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. Report: No report.

Shore Drive Report: Todd Solomon reported that the VB WAVE Trolley RT35 will run this season with 30 minute headways. The service starts Sun. May 12<sup>th</sup> and operates between Pleasure House Road and Rudee Inlet.

Upcoming Meetings:

**Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7pm at Fire Station #14.

**Bayfront Advisory Commission (BAC)** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 3:30pm at Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue.

**Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO)** – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at Bow Creek Rec.

Committees:

**Military Liaison** – Teri Doddy relayed a big "Thank You" from the Fort for providing \$250 to purchase food for their recent deployment event. Teri also informed us that Ft. Story soldiers have completed the floating docks to support the Gaza relief efforts.

Old Business:

**Shamrock Marathon Volunteers** – A big thank you to the 15 volunteers that helped work the water station for the marathon. Working the marathon is barter payment for use of the metal fencing at the CSBTS Oyster Roast.

**CSBTS Civic Association Officers Needed** – New leaders are needed to step up and take over for many of the officers that will be stepping down after many years of service to our community. Talk to Diana Albis if interested.

**Future Meeting Speakers** – If you have any suggestions for speakers/topics for upcoming meetings, pass them on to Diana. One suggestion has been "Collective Bargaining" with pros/cons and possible impact to city services and operation.

New Business:

**Cape Kids Scholarship Fund** – A motion to donate \$300 to the Cape Kids Scholarship Fund was made by Todd Solomon and seconded by Empsy Munden. The motion passed unanimously.

**Spring Plant Sale** – Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church Annual Spring Plant Sale will be Sat. April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 2pm.

**Shore Drive Flags and Poles** – A motion to spend \$450 to purchase new flags and poles for installation on Shore Drive at the entrance to each street (11 streets) was made by Chris Cahoon and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Todd Solomon. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned –8:23pm **A motion to adjourn was made by David Albis and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Schubert. Motion passed unanimously.**