

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF TIMBERVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 10, 2012**

The regular monthly meeting of the Timberville Town Council was held Thursday May 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town of Timberville Council Chambers with Mayor Donald Delaughter presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Blosser, Sharon Jones
Juanita Price, Danny Sawyer
Todd Thomas

PRESENT: Austin Garber, Town Manager
Wilda Wine, Clerk/Treasurer
Keith Hand, Police Chief
Mark Callahan, Town Attorney
Jeremy Hunt, DNR
Florence Barrett, NFJ
Beverly Garber, Historian
Sam Styers, Patton, Harris, and Rust

GUESTS: Lana Allison, Carl "Dusty" Whetzel
Anna Branner, Shirley Getz

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Donald Delaughter led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Juanita Price and seconded by Sharon Jones to approve the minutes as corrected prior to the meeting. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: General Fund	\$ 82,756.00
Water/Sewer Fund	\$249,075.26
Savings/CD's	\$746,992.31

BILLS FOR PAYMENT: A motion was made by Robert Blosser and seconded by Todd Thomas to pay the bills as presented. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Hand reported 25 summons, one assault and battery on family member, three drunk in public, two DUI's, petty larceny, property damage, two accidents, two alarms, 7 disorderly conducts, 15 domestics, and 53 general assists. He also reported one grand larceny, 14 local ordinances enforced, and 16 warnings given. Fines totaled \$1100 for the month. The Drug Take Back Program held with the Broadway Police Department netted 49 pounds of over the counter drugs.

PUBLIC WORKS: Council members received a list of the maintenance crew projects completed for the month. A copy of this report will become part of these minutes. Town Manager Austin Garber reported that the BOD results for April were 306 mg/L which is over the contract limit. Air Quality Systems has installed the HVAC systems in the police department and the town office. Paperwork has been submitted to the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission, who will submit it for reimbursement.

Lifeguard interviews were held this week and a staff should be in place by the end of the week. Two JMU students worked at the park for community service day. They painted inside the large picnic shelter. They did a great job.

Copies of the proposals submitted by Patton, Harris and Rust for the engineering work on the water modeling have been provided to the public works committee for review.

Blackwell Engineering will be providing basic documentation for bids for the Church Street and Roxbury/Irish Lane projects. Mark Callahan was asked to review them upon receipt and see if the town wants to make any additions or changes.

Rockingham County has notified the town that the tipping fees at the landfill will increase from \$48 a ton to \$50 a ton effective July 1st.

Austin Garber also reported that he had attended a reception at JMU for public service employees. He also reported that he had the opportunity to observe the police officer training and recertifications co-instructed by Sgt. Crider. He stated he was impressed by the quality of the training and realized the need for increased training time and budget.

SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE: Mark Callahan presented council with a draft of the solid waste ordinance. The ordinance 6-5.1 makes the fees mandatory for all active utility customers whether or not they use the service. If fees remain unpaid an additional \$50 penalty would be imposed. Council members asked Mark Callahan to make changes to the draft prior to advertising the ordinance. The changes included wording that the \$50 penalty imposed would be in addition to the 10% late fee currently imposed. Also wording to be included that would give council the ability to collect through the court systems in addition to real estate liens. In the case of renters, he was asked to research if the landlord's property could have liens attached if the renters failed to pay. Landlords would be given sufficient notice before any action would be taken. A public hearing will be held at the June 14th meeting to receive public input regarding the ordinance.

PUBLIC HEARING FY 2012-2013 BUDGET: Town Manager Austin Garber stated that the budget had been published in the Daily News Record as required. The budget reflects a 3% increase in water and sewer charges and the implementation of a tier conservation rate for out of town customers. Revenue from the projected loan will be for infrastructure improvements. This capital outlay expense is 1.5 million dollars. Current debt will be paid off in full using connection fees set aside for improvements. Council has decided now is the time to proceed with necessary improvements based on the low interest rates available and the contractors need for jobs.

Dusty Whetzel asked what the town was doing to help save money. Austin Garber replied that the town starting cutting back expenses three years ago. The budget is basically a “bare bones” budget. Robert Blosser stated that town officials were told years ago that they were not eligible for grants because the town’s fees were not high enough. He also stated that the state legislature in Richmond is forcing unfunded mandates upon the localities. Council Todd Thomas stated that in reviewing the budget that there were several areas decreased compared to the FY 2011-2012 budget.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY: No report.

ZONING ACTIVITY: Wilda Wine reported the following zoning activity for the month:

260 East Riverside Dr.- new fence
240 Oak Street- new fence and accessory building
15340 American Legion Drive- addition to an existing home
3090 Patriot Court- accessory building
244 South Main Street- swimming pool
3151 Valor Court- accessory building

PARKS AND RECREATION: Sharon Jones reported that Modern Woodmen was giving money to plant more trees. Don Delaughter stated that the Timberville Lions Club also wanted to donate money for trees. Wilda Wine reported that the merry-go-round has been installed.

FINANCE: Austin Garber stated that VRS would be hosting a webinar to explain the employer cost of the retirement. Current projected cost was 14.28%, but legislature has allowed localities to opt for 70% of the cost which is 10% for FY 2012-2013. Austin Garber and Wilda Wine will participate in the webinar to find out how this will affect future payments. A resolution will be adopted at the next meeting indicating which option the Town of Timberville will pursue. Robert Blosser asked for a meeting to be set up to discuss the VRS options after more information is obtained from the webinar. The proposals from Patton Harris and Rust will also be discussed at that meeting.

PERSONNEL: No report.

PLAINS DISTRICT MEMORIAL MUSEUM: Town historian Beverly Garber reported on historical happenings in the area. Wilda Wine reported that the museum would be selling barbecue chicken on May 12th at the museum. On May 27th Joe May will present a program at the museum on several World War II soldiers who died in battle from the area. He has been researching them for some time.

OTHER BUSINESS: Council members were invited to attend a carry-in dinner at the community center on Friday May 11th at 7:00 p.m. Vallie Mae Stroop, the host of the Spike Jam Sessions, informed the office that the sessions will continue into the summer instead of closing down May 11th.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Anna Branner, 444 North Main Street, asked about the status of the street lights on North Main Street. Austin Garber stated that he will check with Dominion Virginia Power to get a date for installation on two poles that were selected.

ADJOURNMENT: No further business, the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Wilda Wine, Clerk

Donald Delaughter, Mayor