

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF TIMBERVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 12, 2012**

The regular monthly meeting of the Timberville Town Council was held Thursday July 12, 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

**PRESENT:** Austin Garber, Town Manager  
Wilda Wine, Clerk/Treasurer  
Keith Hand, Police Chief  
Mark Callahan, Town Attorney  
Greg Dickie, VML Insurance  
Beverly Garber, Town Historian

**GUESTS:** Anna Branner, Shirley Getz  
Dusty Whetzel

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

**PRESENTATION OF VML AWARD:** Greg Dickie, Director of Member Services, presented the Town with the 2012 Risk Management Performance Award. This honor is awarded each year to a locality that works with the VML Insurance to reduce accidents and practices safety procedures. The Town has shown a sincere desire to keep accidents to a minimum by taking advantage of training and resources available. Timberville was one of four out of 470 members to receive the award. Greg Dickie thanked Austin Garber and Wilda Wine for working with him and thanked council for their support.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

General Fund	\$102,883.22
Water/Sewer	\$102,848.69
Cert. of Dep/Savings	\$638,981.61

Treasurer Wilda Wine stated that the Town is now debt free. All loans are paid in full with funds from the savings account. The line of credit will remain open.

**POLICE REPORT:** Keith Hand reported 10 summons, two alarms, one death investigation, two accidents, five domestic calls, one hit and run, ten local ordinances enforced, 13 disorderly conducts, one vandalism call, 23 general assists to other agencies, eight warnings given, and fines of \$1200. He also stated that Sgt. Larry Crider received a life saving award as a result of his efforts when former Chief Richard Sullivan had his heart attack.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Austin Garber submitted a work report from the maintenance crew for the month. A copy of the report will become part of these minutes. He stated that the list was shorter than normal because of the brush cleanup from the storm. Two chippers were rented to clean up the brush. Austin thanked the Mayor who went out with the crew for a day and Sharon Jones for cleaning up around the old pool house. Austin stated he is working with Rockingham County to secure FEMA funds to help with the expenses incurred as a result of the storm. The Mayor stated he appreciated the work the town employees performed in the extreme heat. The water quality reports have been mailed out and a copy posted on the town's website.

**SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL:** Plans are being changed to show all concrete walkways instead of asphalt. VDOT will be responsible for the installation of the new box culvert. Austin stated he is still working out the details of who will maintain the sidewalks. Robert Blosser asked if the sidewalks could run parallel with the road. Austin will check with engineers.

**PARKS AND RECREATION:** Sharon Jones stated that two new trees were planted at the Town Office. The Mayor stated that there was unbelievable damage to the park from the storm, however only the see-saw sustained damages. The other playground equipment was spared. A tree service was hired to take down several large trees that the town employees could not handle.

**FINANCE:** Robert Blosser had no report at this time. Austin Garber stated he had received information on how the sales tax for each locality was computed. It is based on the number of school age children residing in the locality. He had copies of the information for any interested council member.

**NOVEMBER 2012 ELECTION:** Mark Callahan stated that he still has not been able to convince the State Election Board that Todd Thomas should be allowed on the ballot because of the town's charter. Instead they are requiring a petition be filed with the court to allow Todd Thomas on the ballot. Mark stated that he will file the petition because time will run out.

**SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE:** It was the intention of council to give landlords 30 days notice if a renter is delinquent on the trash billing before filing for a lien. However, the state code was only for water and sewer. He will revise the ordinance to reflect council's intention and bring it back to the next meeting. Also the state law has changed concerning placing liens for water and sewer billing. The town would have to change the amount of renter's deposit. The town could opt out of this option and pursue a civil route for collection.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Robert Blosser and seconded by Danny Sawyer to approve the minutes of the June 14<sup>th</sup> council meeting with the following change. The sentence under the public hearing section "Thirty days prior to the putting a lien on the real estate the property owner must be given 30 days written

notice so that the owner can pay the delinquent bill” be deleted. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

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

**BACKHOE REPAIR:** Austin Garber stated that the backhoe was broken during use in the storm. Repairs are estimated to be between \$8000 and \$9000 dollars. A motion was made by Sharon Jones and seconded by Danny Sawyer to spend up to \$9000 on the repair of the backhoe. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. Food Processors has offered the use of their backhoe until repairs can be made.

**TIMBERVIEW CROSSING SUBDIVISION:** A motion was made by Robert Blosser and seconded by Danny Sawyer to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the subdivision request for the block of property on which the nursing home is located. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

**PRODUCTION LIMITS AT THE SPRING:** Austin stated that he had met with engineers from Patton, Harris and Rust. They are the firm that has been working on the water projects. They feel that a metering device in the overflow of the spring could give an increased reading for water production. Currently the spring is rated at 100 gallons per minute. Austin has contacted Virginia Department of Health to see if the amount allowed to be withdrawn per day could be increased if the spring production amounts were proven to be higher.

**NORTH MAIN STREET LIGHTS:** Mayor Delaughter informed Anna Branner that estimates had been received for the street lights on North Main Street. The cost is approximately \$1350.00. Other options such as solar are also being pursued.

**RESPONSE FROM DELEGATE WILT:** An email was received from Tony Wilt concerning questions raised at the last council meeting regarding VRS.

**PLAINS DISTRICT MEMORIAL MUSEUM:** Beverly Garber read a list of events from a 1966 newspaper. Wilda Wine reported 219 volunteer hours and 66 visitors for the month. Membership currently stands at 128 including seven business partners.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Dusty Whetzel thanked everyone for the clean up.

**CLOSED SESSION:** A motion was made by Robert Blosser to go into closed session to discuss real property pursuant to Freedom of Information Act Section 2.2-3711 A.3. The motion was seconded by Sharon Jones. The motion carried.

**OUT OF CLOSED SESSION:** A motion was made by Robert Blosser and seconded by Danny Sawyer to come out of closed session. The motion carried. A roll call vote was taken to confirm that only the real property issues were discussed.

Donald Delaughter- yes      Robert Blosser- yes      Danny Sawyer- yes  
Sharon Jones-yes              Juanita Price-yes

**ADJOURNMENT:** No further business the meeting adjourned.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Wilda Wine, Clerk

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Donald Delaughter, Mayor