

**MINUTES OF THE TIMBERVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
FEBURARY 12, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the Timberville Town Council was held Thursday February 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Timberville Council Chambers with Mayor Donald Delaughter presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Blosser, Sharon Jones
Ned Overton, Juanita Price
Carl Turner

PRESENT: Austin Garber, Town Manager
Wilda Wine, Clerk/Treasurer
Mark Callahan, Town Attorney
J. R. Dodd, Police Chief
Beverly Garber, Town Historian

GUESTS: Huber Carranza, Cathie Ochoa
Kaylee Schlaak, Joseph Jordan
Charise Andes, Debbie Andes, Gary Andes
Emily Conley, David Martin
Lillian Hughes, Kersten Zugelder

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

MINUTES: A motion was made by Carl Turner and seconded by Sharon Jones to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2015 Town Council Meeting as presented. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:	General Fund	\$167,362.41
	Water/Sewer Fund	243,243.41
	Savings Account	785,251.73

Loan Balance after renewal \$559,429.77

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

POLICE REPORT: Chief Dodd reported that there had been no further details on the break in at the Town Office. They are following a few leads. He also reported that a subject was in custody that possessed three items connected to recent larcenies from automobiles. He is using Facebook to update citizens on an as needed basis. Officer Ware attended a five day school in crisis intervention. She needed 40 hours for her recertification.

PUBLIC WORKS: Austin Garber gave council a list of jobs completed by the Maintenance Crew. He reported that Derrick Calhoun is out on medical leave.

A meeting will be set up with Casey Armstrong, Director of Community Development, to better understand the drainage areas from the proposed Walmart. Mayor Delaughter stated that he wants to

understand the drainage on the property next to Dr. Perry's property on Route 211 because of a concern voiced by a resident at the Walmart Public Hearing.

Austin Garber reported that he is currently seeking pricing for security cameras for the town office, police department, and public works buildings. He also reported that Chris Coffman stated that the meter change out is approximately 85-90% complete with approximately 170 meters left to be installed. In reference to the Legion Hills subdivision streets, Attorney Quentin Callahan informed the town manager that the 2 ¼ miles of street allowed yearly to be taken into VDOT's system does not apply to a subdivision in which the streets meet VDOT specifications. Council can request by resolution that the entire subdivision's streets be taken into VDOT's system and submit the resolution to the Commonwealth Transportation Board for approval.

Immerge Technologies is working on a proposal to make our web site more interactive. The most visited part of the website is the home page and the second most visited is the police department page.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY: Ned Overton, Chairman read the minutes from the February 12th meeting of the business and industry committee. A copy will become part of these minutes. He announced that two citizens have volunteered to serve on the committee. They are Tammy Ennis and Kevin Flynn. Mayor Delaughter stated that he has asked Ned Overton to take his place on the Board of Commissioners of the Central Shenandoah Planning Commission.

Austin Garber updated council on the recent business closings. Timberville Tire and Auto has closed and their property sold to Bill Holtzman who also bought out Cline Energy operating the gas/convenience store.

Timberville Drug Store is closing on February 16th. The property has not been sold nor has he been approached by anyone.

Preventive Maintenance is closing and the building will be sold after the end of March.

ZONING ACTIVITY: Wilda Wine reported only one zoning permit for the month. It was for an accessory building at 3330 Legion Way.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Sharon Jones reported that the committee had met and that the welcome signs and shrubs will be taken upgraded. Todd Thomas was not present to report on the details.

John Eckman with the Friends of the North Fork of the Shenandoah River met with the committee to discuss a canoe/kayak launch at the park. In order to have the boat ramp/launch there has to be another one within 6 miles. That would be in New Market at the Shenandoah Valley Academy. He has talked to the Academy and they seem agreeable. He will keep the Town updated.

The owner of the common property off of Granny Smith Drive has offered to gift the property to the town. It was the consensus of the council that they probably would not be interested, but they would like to see a plat of the land and how it is accessed before a decision is made.

FINANCE: Robert Blosser stated that the town has received two offers for financing the water improvement capital projects. One from Farmers and Merchants and one from BB&T. He stated that the council needs to schedule a budget work session in the near future.

He also asked Mark Callahan to look at the Business and Professional Occupation License ordinance to see what would be necessary to tax contractors doing \$25,000 or more of work within the Town limits.

A motion was made by Robert Blosser and seconded by Sharon Jones to renew the current construction line of credit at Farmers and Merchants bank for 12 months at an interest rate of 2.1%. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

PERSONNEL: No report.

PLAINS DISTRICT MEMORIAL MUSEUM: Historian Beverly Garber read excerpts from the Minnick diaries he purchased. Wilda Wine reported 335 visitors for January 8- February 12, 2015. There were 86 people present at the Family event and 170 people present for the appraisal fair.

OTHER BUSINESS: Johnny Garber will remain on the Economic Development Authority until his term expires June 30, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Gary Andes stated that his house at 328 Williamsport Road is still condemned because of the sewer that backed up into the house. He asked if the line had been repaired. He was told that the line had been sewer jetted. He stated that this happened in 2000 and the property owners at that time were compensated for the damages. He asked that the town council vote to correct the problem. He was told that he had been offered \$10,000 for no fault from VML Insurance and \$10,000 from the town to repair the house. The offer was not acceptable to Mr. Andes, therefore, the Town rescinded the offer and turned the incident over to the VML Insurance program. Since counsel for Mr. Andes, Brad Pollock was present, Mayor Delaughter declined further comment.

ADJOURNMENT: No further business, the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Wilda Wine, Clerk

Donald Delaughter, Mayor