

**MINUTES OF THE TIMBERVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 9, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the Timberville Town Council was held Thursday July 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Timberville Council Chambers with Mayor Donald Delaughter presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Blosser, Juanita Price, Ned Overton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sharon Jones, Todd Thomas, Carl Turner

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

GUESTS: Dwight Thompson, Kelley Hughes, Dusty Whetzel

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

With the absence of three council members, there was not a quorum. Therefore, there can be no action taken. The minutes and list of bills to be paid will be approved by all at the next council meeting. Those attending had no questions about the minutes or bills to be paid. The Town Manager will approve the bills up to \$5000. The remaining bills over that amount are the result of contracts that have been approved by council. The Treasurer was instructed to pay the bills.

TREASURER'S REPORT:	General Fund	\$237,460.50
	Water/ Sewer Fund	\$237,983.65
	Savings Accounts	\$818,225.83
	Loan Balance	\$516,483.00

POLICE REPORT: Chief Dodd reported that a safety program was presented at Cargill. Officer Cindy Ware and Officer Larry Good helped the Moose fingerprint children and provide them with an ID Card. They also handed out suckers and other promotional products featuring the police department. The police committee has narrowed the search for the new officer to one candidate. They are looking at an August 1st hire date if all criteria is met. The Timberville Police Department was able to arrest and charge a person with several charges involving a breaking and entering. This was possible because a good citizen reported suspicious activity at a residence. The person charged was apprehended at the scene. Police Chief J. R. Dodd awarded Tim Thompson with a certificate for being a good citizen.

PUBLIC WORKS: Chris Coffman is on vacation. There is no report of activity for the maintenance department since last meeting. Austin Garber stated that he, Don Delaughter, and Ned Overton met with Mike Ellington of Pilgrim's Pride to discuss the odor problem. Don Delaughter pointed out that there had be an increase in the frequencies of bad odors. Mr. Ellington explained that was because there was a new cooker system being installed. The cost of this system is 1.7 million dollars. He was surprised that the Town had not been informed of this maintenance project. He said they would work

on better communications with the Town. He invited council members to tour the facility to obtain a better understanding of the operations of which 40% is waste and its management. Council will set up a time to tour the facility probably 6:00 p.m. one evening.

Austin Garber reported that the dump truck and the Dodge Intrepid were sold on the Surplus Auction site. The dump truck was sold for \$4503 which was under the reserve. The Dodge Intrepid sold for \$2500 which was the reserve. Letters have been sent out to the Spitzer Brothers and Nelson Swope concerning the pursuing resistivity testing to find another water source. Robert Blosser asked Austin to contact Dr. Eaton, professor of geology at JMU, who had previously helped locate possible sources. The firm that we used the last time was contacted and they informed us that there would be a \$400 increase in the costs.

Karl Schaeffer, Wesley Henkel, Derrick Calhoun and Austin Garber met with the contractor, Mid Atlantic Storage Systems Inc., who will be building the new water tank. They should be supplying the Town with a schedule of work by next week.

Their contract calls for substantial completion by January 2016 and final completion by February 2016. They are confident that the job will be completed before that date. The old tank will either be offered for sale or sold for scrap when it is taken off line.

Austin Garber stated he had contacted the Town of Broadway regarding the charges for sludge removal. These sludge removal charges will be on top of charges already being incurred. The 2007 modifications of the original SIL contract states that the sludge removal costs will be reimbursed by the customer according to the percentage of the sludge generated by the customer. This is a pass through charge with no mark up.

Austin Garber has contacted the Central Shenandoah Planning Commission to see if they have any experience or expertise in creating a park plan. The Town is looking to move the tennis courts and possibly make more parking and a walking trail. The Town would also like to install sidewalk along Memorial Park Drive to the park. Most of the grants available require a "park plan" to be eligible for consideration.

Council members were thanked for attending the ground breaking ceremony for the Sentara RMH Medical Center.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY: No report.

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

3067 Legion Way- a new fence
15308 American Legion Drive- a new porch
117 Belvedere St.- an accessory building

PARKS AND RECREATION: No report.

FINANCE: No report.

PERSONNEL: The hiring of the new police officer was discussed under the police report.

PLAINS DISTRICT MEMORIAL MUSEUM: Town historian Beverly Garber was absent. He had taken a bus load of Old Order Brethren on a tour. The group is doing historical research. They visited the museum and several locations in Shenandoah County. Wilda Wine reported 185 volunteer hours and 47 visitors the past month. The current exhibit is titled "Churches in Plains District- 1740-1940". There is a smaller exhibit of woodworking by John Coffman. The architect is getting the final plans ready for contractors to bid the lecture room project. Attorney Mark Callahan volunteered to look over the contracts on behalf of the museum.

OTHER BUSINESS: VDOT has signed off on the plans for Walmart. The plat has been approved and will be recorded in Richmond at the Central Office. Closing should take place soon after all that is recorded. Someone has taken down a few trees and someone is removing trim from the house. Wesley Henkel used the sewer camera to explore the old well on the property. It is approximately 61 feet deep with water at 40 feet. It is an old hand dug well.

On behalf of Jim Branner, Austin Garber thanked council for the memorial dedicated to Anna Branner at the Freedom Tree. He also read a thank you card from the Village Library for the Town's recent donation.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: No further business, the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Wilda Wine, Clerk

Donald Delaughter, Mayor