

MINUTES OF THE TIMBERVILLE COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 11, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Timberville Town Council was held on Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Timberville Town Council Chambers with Mayor Donald Delaughter presiding.

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

PRESENT: Austin Garber, Town Manager
Wilda Wine, Clerk/Treasurer
Mark Callahan, Town Attorney
Beverly Garber, Historian
Nolan Stout, DNR
Randy Sietz, Blue Ridge Architects

GUESTS: Alice Bruce, Pat Taylor
Larry and Diana Shamblin
James Hilty

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

THE SUMMIT 55+ AGE RESTRICTION: Randy Seitz, architect from Blue Ridge Architects, represented the owner of The Summit requesting that council consider removing the 55+ age restriction from the subdivision. He stated that the market was not good for selling age restricted units. To be able to develop the property, the owner is willing to decrease the density of the subdivision by selling ¼ acre lots for building single family dwellings. New plans would delete multi-family dwellings with the exception of those lots already served by water and sewer on Rill Road. He also stated that possibly a portion could remain 55 and over housing. Mayor Delaughter allowed the current residents on Rill Road to speak. The current residents agreed that the development needs to be completed, but they all purchased their homes because of the 55 and over restriction. Attorney Mark Callahan stated that the residents should contact their own attorney because they have private rights to be protected. The age restriction is in the covenants, the original deeds, and proffers. The residents stated they might be in favor of leaving a portion of the development 55+ and lifting the restriction on the remaining portion. Mayor Delaughter suggested that Mr. Seitz meet with the residents to hear their concerns and see if a compromise could be worked out.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Ned Overton and seconded by Sharon Jones to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2016 council meeting as presented. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:	General Fund	\$117,504.34
	Water/Sewer	\$191,311.01
	Savings Accounts	\$989,180.00
	Loan Balance	\$917,933.16

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

POLICE REPORT: Chief J. R. Dodd stated he had been in contact with both academies in reference to moving Timberville Police Department's affiliation from the Fredericksburg academy to the one at Weyers Cave. There will be additional costs in moving. The cost at Fredericksburg is \$300 per officer and the cost at Weyers Cave is \$600 per officer. However, there will be advantages to being a part of the closer facility. A resolution will be presented at the October meeting of the Fredericksburg's executive board requesting the change. If approved the change will be effective July 2017. A motion was made by Ned Overton and seconded by Robert Blosser to adopt the resolutions authorizing the issuance of notice to withdraw from the Rappahannock Regional Criminal Justice Academy and admission to the Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Academy. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. Chief Dodd updated council concerning the amount of calls at the Walmart Supercenter. He reported 3 disorderly conducts, 3 animal complaints, 1 alarm, 2 larceny, 3 accidents, one rescue call and one suspicious person. Council was also given a list of police department goals prepared by the Chief.

PUBLIC WORKS: Austin Garber presented council with a list of the jobs completed by the maintenance crew from July 14, 2016 to August 10, 2016. A copy will become part of these minutes.

He reported that the BOD's for June were 342 mg/L which is 92 mg/L over contract limit. He stated he would have a summarization of all capital projects out to council by next week. The paving has been completed in the Legion Hills Subdivision. VDOT will inspect the project and contact the town with the next course of action necessary to bring those streets into the VDOT roadway system.

Virginia Department of Health has inspected the new water tank and signed off on it.

The Rockingham County building official will be inspecting the property at 304 Second Avenue. The county will send a letter to the town stating what needs to be corrected so that these items can be listed in the blight ordinance letter that will be sent to the property owner by the town. The bathrooms at the park are being locked at night by the police department and reopened in the morning by the maintenance crew. This seems to be working well. There has been an issue with the pool pump and some piping has been damaged. The pump is still circulating and hopefully it can make it to the end of pool season. Pool staff will be instructed to be vigilante about the pool chemistry to make sure the algae does not grow. Austin Garber stated that he and Chris Coffman met with VDOT representatives to tour the town and discuss a variety of issues such as signs and sidewalks and new projects such as street overlay and crosswalks. They also looked at the sinkhole on Memorial Park Drive. VDOT offered some suggestions, but no offer of help. The pipe that will collapse does belong to VDOT. Another issue discussed is the elimination of truck traffic on Memorial Park Drive. VDOT representatives stated that they used to have construction/maintenance monies to be allocated. There are no allocations for Timberville. Austin requested a list of the jobs that have been completed by VDOT in the town, but they were not sure that would easily be available. He and Chris both agreed that they should meet at least once a year with VDOT to discuss concerns. Costs estimates are being sought for a SCATA system which can remotely monitor the level of water in the tanks and control the pumps.

Robert Blosser asked the status of the Swope project in the American Legion area and if an easement has been granted. Mr. Swope has not been receptive to the proposed location of the line. Robert Blosser suggested a meeting with the public works committee and Mr. Swope to address his concerns since the project was approved and financing is in place.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY: Walmart is considering a proposal to place steps on their property from the side walk on Main Street. A representative of the owner of the old Mason Motor lot approached the town about possible development on the lot for 2 businesses, one food and one retail.

LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION UPDATE: It was the recommendation of the Planning Commission to update the land development regulations to address specifications for signs. Roof top signs cannot be higher than the highest point of the roof, free standing signs can only be 10' high and 20' wide and free standing signs up to 25' in height would require conditional use permits. A motion was made by Sharon Jones and seconded by Juanita Price to hold a joint public hearing at the next council meeting to receive input on the changes. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

ZONING ACTIVITY: Wilda Wine reported one zoning permit issued for a fence at 15480 Forestville Road.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Austin Garber had given council a detailed report as a result of the meeting at the park with ideas and goals. He will contact the Central Shenandoah Planning Commission to see if they have someone who can do a true masterplan for the park using the town's report. Mayor Delaughter reminded the town manager that \$25,000 for the park had been budgeted but not designated. Those funds could be used for a master plan.

FINANCE: VRS offers a "health insurance credit" of \$40.00 per month towards a retirees insurance costs. If town opts into that portion of the retirement program it would cost \$2320 a year based on the current salaries. Robert Blosser made a motion to not participate in the program because it would be irrevocable. The motion died because of no second or discussion.

PERSONNEL: The police department has two interviews scheduled for the position of police officer.

PLAINS DISTRICT MEMORIAL MUSEUM: Historian, Beverly Garber, read the historical happenings in Timberville. Wilda Wine gave everyone an invitation to an open house at the museum on September 1st 6:30 p.m until 8:00 p.m. This reception is for the donors of the new room. Food and wine will be served.

OTHER BUSINESS: Sharon Jones thanked everyone that has been watering the flower containers. Austin Garber announced that the Broadway Little League that council helped sponsor finished in 4th place in the regional playoffs.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Juanita Price and seconded by Ned Overton to go into closed session pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act Section 2.2-3711 A3 to discuss the acquisition of real estate. The motion carried.

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION: Juanita Price moved to come out of closed session stating that only the acquisition of real estate was discussed. A roll call vote was taken as follows stating that only that issue was discussed: Don Delaughter- yes Robert Blosser- yes Ned Overton- yes Juanita Price yes Sharon Jones left before the session concluded.

ADJOURNMENT: No further business, the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Wilda Wine, Clerk

Donald Delaughter, Mayor

