

**MINUTES OF THE TIMBERVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Timberville Town Council was held on Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Timberville Town Council Chambers with Vice Mayor Robert Blosser presiding.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sharon Jones, Ned Overton,  
Todd Thomas, Carl Turner

**PRESENT:** Austin Garber, Town Manager  
Wilda Wine, Clerk/Treasurer  
Mark Callahan, Town Attorney  
Kevin Hinkle, Chrm. Planning Commission  
Karl Magenhofer, Planning Commission  
Staci Wood, Planning Commission  
Beverly Garber, Historian  
Nolan Stout, Daily News Record

**GUESTS:** Kim Branner, Charles Branner  
Paula and Butch Bowman  
Dusty Whetzel, Larry Shamblin

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Kevin Hinkle led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Ned Overton and seconded by Todd Thomas to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2016 town council meeting as presented. The motion carried with all present voting in favor.

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT:</b> General Fund	\$ 89,035.32
Water/Sewer Fund	\$211,547.30
Savings Accounts	\$989,180.00
Loan Balance	\$908,933.16

**BILLS FOR PAYMENT:** A motion was made by Sharon Jones and seconded by Ned Overton to pay the bills as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**POLICE REPORT:** Chief Dodd reported that there had been 9 service calls to the Walmart property. He also stated that the new loss prevention officer is in place at Walmart and the department has been working closely with the officer. The 45 speed limit sign has been moved east of the Walmart entrance on Route 211. Sgt. Crider has designed a new hat pin with Timberville's anniversary coin. A sample was displayed. Interviews were held for two candidates for the police officer position. Robert Blosser asked if the department was considering an open house to show case the new equipment that has been purchased. Chief Dodd stated that he has been working with the Fire Department to participate in the National Night Out next August.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Austin Garber gave council a report of the maintenance department's list of jobs completed since last month. The BOD's for the month were favorable within the limits allowed.

Austin reported that officials from Rockingham County had assessed the property at Second Avenue for condemnation. They will send a determination letter stating the findings and what will have to be corrected. A representative of National Pool has been contacted to get an estimate on a new chlorination system and repair of the filtration system of the pool that was damaged when the circulation pump failed. Since the pool was built in 1998, it is time to replaster the pool. Chris continues to look for sources of inflow and infiltration. Karl Schaeffer, engineer with Pennoni Associates met with him to look at some of the manholes. It was suggested that he contact Harrisonburg to see about borrowing or renting equipment to evaluate data such as flow meters etc. There was also a sewer back up again on C. Street after a heavy rain. They continue to monitor the pump station. The property owner will be asked to contact town employees the minute they hear any flow. The Town continues to look at a potential water source east of town. The owner had to replace the pump and the after a few days a water sample was secured. Tests taken previously had indicated high nitrates. Robert Blosser suggested that if the new sample came back good, that the town should check with Karl Schaeffer about modeling the well. The town manager and town supervisor also met with VDOT to look at several projects that need to be corrected last month. VDOT has since moved the speed limit sign at the Town's boundary, mowed the median on the bluff, and will begin to replace the side walk on C Street.

**JOINT PUBLIC HEARING:** Robert Blosser called the joint public hearing of the Planning Commission and the Town Council to order. The purpose of the hearing was to receive input on the proposed changes to the Timberville Land Development Regulations Section 705.04-2G Roof signs and 705-04-2H Freestanding Signs. The proposed roof sign change states that in the business district roof top signs cannot be higher than the highest point of the structure. Free standing sign changes state that signs be monument style 10' high and 20' wide and no higher than 10 ft. above grade. Free standing signs up to 25' will be a conditional use. Other changes were just corrections needed to be made to the land development regulations that had been overlooked. There was no public comment. The Planning Commission recommended that council adopt the changes and corrections. There was no further discussion. A motion was made by Carl Turner to adopt the proposed changes. Todd Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried with all four members present voting in favor. A copy of the changes will become part of these minutes.

**BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY:** Ned Overton had no report.

**ZONING ACTIVITY:** Wilda Wine reported the following zoning activity: 3420 and 3480 Legion Way- new dwellings and 252 Walnut Drive a new deck.

**PARKS AND RECREATION:** Sharon Jones stated that Blue Ribbon Nursery will be planting crepe myrtles in the median. She needs to set up a watering schedule for one more month. Park has been rented regularly and Little League is working on the ball fields. An estimate was received for the track at Plains Elementary. Council would like to see the plans and schedule of phases again before considering any funding. There was no update on the canoe launch.

**FINANCE:** Audit should be completed in October in a timely manner.

**PLAINS DISTRICT MEMORIAL MUSEUM:** Historian Beverly Garber entertained the group with historical events and disaster information about Timberville and the surrounding areas. Wilda Wine reported 112 visitors and 244 volunteer hours logged since the August meeting. Membership currently stands at 180. Heritage Day will be held Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Over fifty people attended the donor reception held for those who donated to the new meeting room. It was suggested

maybe the museum could do program on the disasters that Beverly Garber reported on. He has several tapes of the floods and snow storms. Current exhibits are "Honoring our Veterans" and Beverly Garber's mantle clocks and woodturning.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Larry Shamblin, a resident of The Summit, stated that the residents have not heard from Randy Seite of Blue Ridge Architects about meeting with the residents to hear their concerns and to work out a compromise if the 55 age limit was lifted on part of the property. Austin Garber replied he had received an email from Mr. Seite stating he planned to meet with the residents on Rill Road.

Larry Bowman and Paula Bowman addressed council on two different issues. Mr. Bowman asked if there was anything that could be done concerning barking dogs. He was instructed to call the police department when there is an issue. Attorney Mark Callahan stated he would check to see if the noise ordinance could be applied to barking dogs. Paula Bowman wants to see more effort being put into correcting the problem with truck traffic on Memorial Park Drive. VDOT states that they cannot block off access to Cargill. Austin Garber stated the truckers are using GPS that is directing them this route. He has contacted Rand McNally to see how to change the mapping. Robert Blosser stated that council could check into ways to educate the drivers. Carl Turner asked about putting up signs designating an alternative route to the plants. VDOT will be contacted to see if that is possible.

**CLOSED SESSION:** A motion was made by Carl Turner to go into closed session pursuant to Section 22:3711 A.1 of the Freedom of Information Act to discuss personnel. The motion was seconded by Todd Thomas. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

**OUT OF CLOSED SESSION:** Carl Turner moved to come out of closed session stating that only potential candidates for employment were discussed. A roll call vote was taken as follows to confirm that fact: Carl Turner- yes Ned Overton- yes Sharon Jones- yes Todd Thomas- yes Robert Blosser- yes.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Sharon Jones asked about the American Legion Property. An appraisal has been received. Alger's Excavating is working on giving an amount for demolition of the property.

In other business, it was noted that the suit against the Town by Gary Andes has been refiled.

Robert Blosser thanked the police department for following up on the mowing complaints.

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

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

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Wilda Wine, Clerk

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Robert Blosser, Vice Mayor