

MINUTES OF THE TIMBERVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 13, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Timberville Town Council was held on Thursday October 13, 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
Todd Thomas, Carl Turner

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

GUESTS: Dusty Whetzel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Don Delaughter led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Carl Turner and seconded by Ned Overton to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2016 Town Council meeting as presented. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:	General Fund	\$ 54,307.30
	Water and Sewer	\$226,166.63
	Savings Accounts	\$989,180.00
	Loan Balance	\$1,056,930.16

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

POLICE REPORT: Chief Dodd introduced council members to Mike Thompson, the newest addition to the police force. He began duties on October 11th. Sgt. Crider will be on vacation in November. The number of calls at Walmart has remained at 8- 10 per month. All officers participated in an advanced training class, including night shooting. The training was done over a two week period with half of the officers attending one week and the other half the next. All officers performed well and showed improvement.

PUBLIC WORKS: The Town Manager gave council a list of the jobs completed by the maintenance department for the month. Testing continued at the well at the creamery site off Evergreen Valley Road. The sampling after the installation of a new pump showed a nitrate level of 3.7 which was higher than the first testing but still below the maximum contaminate level of 5.5. Austin Garber stated that he was checking into what further testing would be necessary for a municipal water source. He is also checking with the well driller on information on potential yield. The owner has indicated that the yield

would be 600 gallons per minute up to 1700 gallons per minute. If everything checks out the town could look into a modeling of the well into the town system.

A concern was brought to the town by an adjoining property owner of Windcrest Holsteins. The farm owned by the Yutzys and located out of town has applied for a permit to increase their dairy operation. The size of the herd would double. Concerns included odor, water contamination, and increased traffic to haul and apply the waste. The Planning Commission recommended writing a letter to DEQ against the proposal. Robert Blosser stated that he did not feel that it was a political decision to be made. Each individual could express their concerns to DEQ. DEQ has an open comment period. A motion was made by Ned Overton for the Town Manager to draft a "good neighbor letter" to the Yutzys expressing the town's concerns and questions. Council would approve the letter and a copy sent to DEQ. The motion was seconded by Sharon Jones. The motion carried with five members voting in favor and Robert Blosser voting no.

Chris Coffman and Austin Garber attended a demo in Broadway of equipment using sound waves to find blockages in the sewer line. The equipment was able to cover 2000 feet of line in two and half hours. The company is going to provide a price quote for the equipment. They also contract to perform the work.

Austin Garber reported that the C. Street sidewalk has been repaired. VDOT is also looking at sign options to control the thru truck traffic on Memorial Park Drive. Letters were delivered to the Farm Bureau, Pilgrims, and Cargill to hand out to the truck drivers, trying to get them to enter on McCauley Drive. Randy Sietz, Blue Ridge Architects, has contacted the Town Manager, to present plans to the Planning Commission in November for the Summit. These are revised plans to address the removal of some of the 55 and over restrictions. He plans to meet again with the residents of Rill Road later this month.

The town's ordinance on purchases will be reviewed at the November meeting. Currently the ordinance requires 3 bids for any purchases over \$5000. Timberville would be exempt from the Virginia Public Procurement Act because its' population is below 3500.

Austin Garber reported that he had attended the VML conference during the recent hurricane. It was not as good because of the weather conditions, but he did get some valuable information. He will get a report out to council on the conference.

There will be a VDOT meeting on October 25th at 4:00 p.m. at Blue Ridge Community College to review transportation projects. On October 26th there will be a VML regional supper at 6:00 p.m. at the Frontier Cultural Museum to update members on legislation affecting VML.

The information concerning the Broadway zip code change to Timberville has been sent to Senator John Warner.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY: No report.

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

156 Shenandoah Ave- carport 212 Walnut Dr.- accessory bldg. and fence 197 N. Main St.- replace porch 3375 Legion Way- accessory bldg. 5064 Clearwater Drive- fence 156 Church St.- fence

PARKS AND RECREATION: Austin Garber reported that he had been in contact with the principal at Plains Elementary School concerning the playground. He stated the track has been moved up to the second phase because of need. An estimate has been received of \$30,000. Council has yet to make a decision on whether to help with funding. The track would be available for the use of the town residents. Questions arose about the fundraising efforts of the school for the project. Austin will try to get the principal to attend another meeting to address the issues.

FINANCE: The amount of personal property tax relief must be set before the tax tickets are printed. Treasurer Wilda Wine reported that the relief for 2015 was 49%. The county has set their relief at 47%. A motion was made by Robert Blosser and seconded by Juanita Price to set the relief for 2016 at 47%. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Wilda Wine reported that the audit could be ready for the November billing.

PERSONNEL: There was discussion concerning the personnel policy and vacation for new employees and leave banks. Ned Overton suggested that the Town Manager find out how the other towns handle new employees and vacation. There is the option of time off without pay with no penalty if approved.

PLAINS DISTRICT MEMORIAL MUSEUM: Historian Beverly Garber gave a presentation of historical facts. Wilda Wine reported 114 visitors and 194 volunteer hours logged since last month. The current exhibits are the current salute to veterans through Veterans Day and a collection of local handmade baskets. There will be book signing event on November 13th. Local authors will be available to sell and sign their books. Todd Thomas stated his daughter had visited the museum and was impressed with the number of items on display.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Carl Turner to go into closed session pursuant to Va. Code section 2.2-3711 of the Freedom of Information Act for discussion and consideration of land acquisition.

The motion was seconded by Ned Overton and carried with all members voting unanimously.

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION: Carl Turner moved to come out of closed session. A roll call vote was taken as follows to declare that only the land acquisition was discussed. Carl Turner- yes Robert Blosser- yes

Todd Thomas- yes Sharon Jones- yes Juanita Price- yes Ned Overton- yes Donald Delaughter- yes.

ADJOURNMENT: No further business, the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Wilda Wine, Clerk

Donald Delaughter, Mayor

