

MINUTES OF THE TIMBERVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

September 10th, 2020

A meeting of the Town of Timberville Council was held Thursday September 10th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. electronically on zoom with Mayor Donald Delaughter presiding.

MEMBERS: Robert Blosser-Present Carl Turner-Present
Juanita Price-Present Ned Overton-Present
Sharon Jones-Present Natalie Sherlock-Present

PRESENT: Austin Garber, Town Manager
Melinda Cleaver, Clerk/Treasurer
Quinton Callahan, Town Attorney
JR Dodd, Chief of Police

AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT MEETINGS ELECTRONICALLY: Town Manager Austin Garber read a statement detailing the authorizing to conduct electronic public meetings to address essential business, citing the Declaration of Local Emergency, the Resolution Authorizing Electronic Public Meetings and the Emergency Ordinance to Address Continuity of Operations, The declaration, resolution and ordinance were adopted at a special meeting held on Tuesday, May 26th, 2020. These orders are in effect for 6 months from the date of adoption. Timberville Town Council and town staff were in attendance. Transaction of business by the meeting participants was conducted through the Zoom electronic conferencing platform and was live streamed on the Town of Timberville's YouTube channel for public viewing. Required notifications were listed on social media outlets and sent by email.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Carl Turner made a motion to approve the August 13th Council Minutes. Natalie Sherlock seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Carl Turner-Yes Ned Overton-Yes
Bob Blosser-Yes Sharon Jones-Yes
Natalie Sherlock-Yes Juanita Price-Unable to record

TREASURER'S REPORT:

General Fund	\$34,370.35
Water/Sewer Acct.	\$112,968.66
Loan Balance	\$707,132.49
CAT Financial	\$19,298.51
American Legion Park	\$185,000
Money Market Acct.	\$1,227,428.96
Cares Act Fund	\$136,339.51

BILLS FOR PAYMENT: A motion was made by Natalie Sherlock and seconded by Carl Turner to pay the bills as presented for the month of September.

Roll Call Vote:

Carl Turner-Yes Ned Overton-Yes
Bob Blosser-Yes Sharon Jones-Yes
Natalie Sherlock-Yes Juanita Price-Unable to record

PUBLIC WORKS: Austin Garber updated council that the contractor was working on the water line project on Lone Pine Drive and trying to get that completed. Michele Dean recently created ID's for the police department through a software program. Austin Garber had Michele create ID's for the rest of the town employees. In the instance that a maintenance

employee needs to go speak with someone at their residence, they have an official ID to show. Austin stated Michele did a nice job getting those produced.

Austin Garber stated the goal for the American Legion Post and the town is to have the memorial plaza section, at the American Legion Park, completed prior to Veteran's Day. The Post would like to have a dedication ceremony on Veteran's Day. Mayor Delaughter stated Cargill donated \$3,000 for the flag poles, benches and retaining wall around the firepit. Superior Concrete is donating all the dyed concrete. The maintenance crew will start excavating on Monday. The town will need to contract with a finisher for concrete. The maintenance department will be working on installing a door on the end of stables for retired flags. Ned Overton asked about a GoFundMe for finishing the concrete. Austin Garber stated he would talk to Cecilia Valdez about ideas for that.

Austin Garber wants to schedule the public hearings for the sale of the water tank and updates to the ordinance book for the October council meeting. Town Attorney Quinton Callahan suggested to do the public hearing for the Trespass Ordinance for the police department at the October meeting also.

FINANCE: Austin Garber asked that council decide on a percentage for Personal Property Tax Relief. Austin recommends to set the rate at 37% relief. Ned Overton made a motion to adopt 37% Personal Property Tax Relief. Natalie Sherlock seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Carl Turner-Yes	Ned Overton-Yes
Bob Blosser-Yes	Sharon Jones-Yes
Natalie Sherlock-Yes	Juanita Price-Unable to record

PLAINS DISTRICT MEMORIAL MUSEUM: Sharon Jones reported that from July 2nd through August 31st the museum had 148 volunteer hours, 165 visitors and 121 in memberships.

Natalie Sherlock asked for an update from Chief Dodd. Chief Dodd stated that the ordinance violation, over on Virginia Ave, is an example of the police department and the town employees working together and pulling resources to resolve a big issue.

Chief Dodd spent three days at an executive retreat with the academy. The topic of qualified immunity was discussed and Chief Dodd states for council to be keeping an eye on that and the affect it could have on how the police department does business and the cost of doing business. Natalie Sherlock stated the bill was killed in committee today and cannot be brought back up for discussion until January. Chief Dodd stated he was glad to hear that and that qualified immunity was misunderstood by the general public. Natalie Sherlock asked for Chief Dodd to make council aware of any issues so they know how to support the police department best.

Chief Dodd stated the new officer is working hard and doing a great job. Also, the new sergeant is doing a stellar job, along with the rest of the department.

ADJOURNMENT: No further business, the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Melinda Cleaver, Clerk

Donald Delaughter, Mayor