

MINUTES OF TIMBERVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
December 14, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Timberville Town Council was held Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m in the Timberville 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
Melinda Cleaver, Office Assistant
Mark Callahan, Town Attorney
Beverly Garber, Town Historian

GUESTS: Arthur Blanchette, Jr.,
Carrianna Blanchette
Larry and Paula Bowman

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

MINUTES APPROVAL: A motion was made by Carl Turner and seconded by Todd Thomas to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2017 Timberville Council Meeting as presented. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: General Fund	\$ 67,173.60
Water/Sewer Fund	\$150,193.60
Savings Accounts	\$1,084,684.09

BILLS FOR PAYMENT: Mayor Delaughter pointed out the bills included Waste Management landfill charges that we had not been charged for since June 2017. Mark Callahan also explained that the \$2500 charge for Clark and Bradshaw was to pay for the survey of the American Legion property. A motion was made by Juanita Price and seconded by Carl Turner to pay the bills as presented. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

POLICE REPORT: Mayor Delaughter reported for Police Chief J. R. Dodd, who was attending training, that the body cameras were being upgraded for free. He also reported that Michele Dean and Chief Dodd sent letters to the people, who complied with cleanup of the town, thanking them for their response.

On September 20, 2017 there was a water rescue event where a citizen fell into the river. Officer Steve Scholten was one of the first persons to respond and assist the fire department and rescue squad during the rescue. He was awarded for his service at the public safety committee meeting prior to tonight's council meeting. He has previously received an award from the Fire and Rescue Departments.

PUBLIC WORKS: Council was given an report covering October- December 14th work of the maintenance crew/ Austin Garber reported that BOD's for November were 529 mg/L were 279 mg/L over the town's limit. John Coffman and the Broadway Sewer Treatment Facility will be using their equipment and taking test samples at several locations to see if the Town's equipment if faulty or if there is a reason the BOD's spike certain weeks.

In response to the complaints about trash containers being left on the streets after trash pickup, Attorney Mark Callahan presented a draft ordinance for approval. It was the consensus of the council that there be no trash and recycling containers on the streets before 3:00 p.m. the day before scheduled pickup and after 7:00 p.m. the day after pickup. A motion was made by Carl Turner and seconded by Sharon Jones to have Mark Callahan rewrite Section A of the trash ordinance to this effect with penalties the same as the other ordinances under Section 3.1. 10. The motion carried with Carl Turner, Ned Overton, Sharon Jones, and Juanita Price voting in favor. Todd Thomas and Robert Blosser voted no. The motion carried with 4 voting in favor and 2 against.

Open Air Burning was another issue discussed by council at the last meeting. Mark Callahan brought a draft ordinance addressing recreational fires and open air fires. After much discussion and debate, council finally decided not to adopt an ordinance regulating recreational fires. The open air fire ordinance would exclude recreational fires, which will be defined within that ordinance. Council agreed that the ordinance require a citizen to obtain a permit from the Town first, and then a permit from Rockingham County. Any open air fires must be attended with a way to extinguish the fire nearby at all times. The fire shall be no larger than 3 feet high and no wider area than 6 feet. All fires must be 25 feet from any structure on the property. Mark Callahan will write a new ordinance for review and possible adoption at the January 11, 2018 meeting.

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY: No Report

ZONING ACTIVITY: Wilda Wine reported the following zoning activity:

365 Maple Avenue- accessory building
323 Park Avenue/325 Park Avenue-New Construction
311 Cherry Street- New Construction
3579 Majestic Drive – New Construction
3590 Majestic Drive- New Construction
3580 Majestic Drive- New Construction
3520 Majestic Circle- New Construction
165 New Market Road- New sign placement (FM Bank)

PARKS AND RECREATION: No report.

FINANCE: Mayor Delaughter asked the Public Works and Parks and Recreation committees to meet after the first of the year to help with budget planning for FY 18-19. Mark Callahan reminded council that there were funds available through the Economic Development Authority of the Town.

PERSONNEL: Mayor Delaughter stated that he had received thanks from several employees for the Christmas bonuses. He reminded the Town Manager that is was the end of the year and he and Chief Dodd needed to update their goals for the next year.

PLAINS DISTRICT MEMORIAL MUSEUM: Beverly Garber reported on random happenings in Timberville. Wilda Wine reported 42 visitors for the month and 114 volunteer hours logged. The current exhibit is 18th and 19th Century Grist Mills in Plains District. Also, two smaller exhibits, Wetsel Seed Company and Folk Art are on display. Blue Grass Music continues on Sunday afternoons.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Paula Bowman thanked Austin Garber and the Town Staff for helping with the placement of the No Truck signs on Memorial Park Drive.

ADJOURNMENT: No further business or comments, the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Wilda Wine, Clerk

Donald Delaughter, Mayor