

MINUTES OF TIMBERVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
September 14, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Timberville Town Council was held Thursday, September 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
Paula and Larry 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 Juanita Price and seconded by Todd Thomas to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2017 and August 10, 2017 minutes as presented. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: General Fund	\$127,132.80
Water/Sewer Fund	\$153,878.84
Savings Accounts	\$1,084,684.09

Wilda Wine reported that the audit is being compiled.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT: Wilda Wine reported that the list of bills reflected the first payment on the excavator. A motion was made by Ned Overton and seconded by Carl Turner to pay the bills for the months of August and September. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

POLICE REPORT: Police Chief J. R. Dodd reported that he had attended training at the academy that focused on management subjects including employer rights and arbitration. He will be attending the Virginia Chiefs of Police conference next week. He is looking forward to viewing the vendors displays including new police software.

PUBLIC WORKS: Council members received a copy of the jobs completed by the maintenance department since last meeting and August's BOD's. Austin Garber stated letters were sent out to property owners and other interested parties of 304 Second Avenue informing them of the deadline to take action were unclaimed. Tristan Tusing notified Austin Garber that he had obtained a demolition permit for the property, but calls to Rockingham County did not confirm the fact. A motion was made by Robert Blosser made a motion and it was and seconded by Sharon Jones that a resolution be prepared

stating the intent to demolish the property at 304 Second Avenue pursuant to Virginia State Code 1-15.2-115. A letter will be sent to owners giving them the date of the demolition as soon as scheduled. The motion carried with all members voting unanimously in favor.

The Town is still waiting on the paperwork to come back to finalize the possession of the American Legion property for a park. Mark Callahan stated that he had researched the Code of Virginia Chapter 45 Section 2.2-4500 concerning the investment of public funds. Public funds invested must be in the form of municipal bonds. Council is considering investing the purchase price \$200,000 and making the yearly \$5000 payments from income received on the investment. Research will be done on interest rates being paid on bonds.

The Planning Commission met with Randy Seitz of Blue Ridge Architects and the property owners of Rill Road to discuss future plans for The Summit and removal of the age restriction for a portion of the development. Mr. Seitz took the recommendations of the planning commission and the citizens group back to the development owners. There has been no response to date.

VDOT will hold their Smart Scale Meeting Tuesday October 10 at Blue Ridge Community College Plecker Center at 4:00 p.m.

Virginia Municipal League Conference will be held in Williamsburg October 1-3, 2017. Austin Garber stated he will be attending and asked if any council members were interested in attending. Ned Overton indicated that he would also be attending.

The Public Works committee recently held a meeting to discuss water sources. The committee would like to redirect the \$30,000 allocated for resistivity testing for water sources be diverted to engineering fees to interconnect with Food Water Coop's water source. By a show of hands all members of council members voted yes to the change in allocation of funds. Austin Garber was instructed to get estimate of cost from the engineering firm.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY: Austin Garber stated that a site plan had been submitted for the Exxon station on New Market Road owned by William Holtzman. All VDOT requirements have been met. Estimated date of construction is Spring of 2018. Austin Garber also reported that he had heard from Bolher Engineering that they were ready to submit a site plan and application for the Walmart one acre outparcel on New Market Road. The Board of Zoning appeals granted Auto Zone a variance for the side yard on their site plan for the old BB&T bank property at the corner of American Legion Drive.

ZONING ACTIVITY: Wilda Wine reported the following zoning permits:
181 West Riverside Drive- a new porch and 3509 Majestic Circle- new home construction

GROWTH AREA DISCUSSION: Attorney Mark Callahan explained that there were several addendums to the original annexation agreement. The county must give written permission to the town to extend water and sewer lines into the growth area. The Town Manager will contact Rockingham County to find out if they will allow the extension of the town's lines for the growth area or a portion of the area. Mark Callahan will send all five documents concerning the annexation of the growth area to council.

PARKS AND RECREATION: William Holtzman, owner of the Liberty station on North Main Street, has indicated that he was willing to work with the Town to clean up the property behind the station to give river access at the north end of the bridge for a boat landing. Council would like to see a plat of the

property for topography purposes and would like to check with the Army Corp of Engineers to see if any regulations apply. They would also like to get an estimate for lighting for the property.

Chairman Sharon Jones would like for the committee to meet as soon as possible to come up with a Master Plan for the current park and the new park at the American Legion property.

FINANCE: No report.

PERSONNEL: No report.

PLAINS DISTRICT MEMORIAL MUSEUM: Historian Beverly Garber provided interesting facts about Timberville including a movie that was being shown at the old theatre that was made at Massanutten Caverns. Wilda Wine reported 86 visitors the past month and 169 logged volunteer hours. Membership stands at 177. The current exhibit "Early Medicine in Plains District will run through the summer. There will be a program on Sunday September 17th featuring speaker Paul Roth. He will speak on John Kline and the medicine of his era and natural cures.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Paula Bowman asked what she could do to help the town get the truck traffic restricted on Memorial Park Drive. Even though VDOT made changes to the McCauley Drive and Route 42 intersection, the trucks continue to use Memorial Park Drive. It was suggested that she contact supervisor Pablo Cuevas. The Mayor suggested that the Town contact the supervisor again for help.

ADJOURNMENT: No further business, the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Wilda Wine, Clerk

Donald Delaughter, Mayor