

MINUTES OF THE TIMBERVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

August 9, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Timberville Council was held Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town’s council chambers with Mayor Donald Delaughter presiding.

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

PRESENT: Austin Garber, Town Manager
Wilda Wine, Clerk/Treasurer
Quinton Callahan, Town Attorney
J. R. Dodd, Police Chief
Beverly Garber, Town Historian
David Wenger, Executive Director Central Valley Habitat for Humanity

GUESTS: Rae Ann Mathias, Paula and Butch Bowman
Natalie and Shawn Sherlock

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

CENTRAL VALLEY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY REQUEST: David Wenger, Executive Director handed council information on the organization. He explained that the lack of affordable housing was responsible for family struggles which affected their children. Over the past 30 years, they have provided 61 homes for families. They have recently teamed up with the Broadway Timberville Ruritan Club and local churches, Massanutten Tech Center and volunteers to build a house on Daffodil Drive. He requested that the Town of Timberville join the team by waiving hookup fees, and building and zoning fees. A motion was made by Carl Turner and seconded by Todd Thomas to waive these fees. All members voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Carl Turner and seconded by Juanita Price to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2018 council meeting with the correction that the new monitoring system has not been ordered. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

General Fund	\$ 80,021.41
Water/Sewer Acct.	\$219,385.76
Savings Account	\$1,216,532.66
Loan balance	\$ 906,118.54

Wilda Wine also reported that Young, Nicholas, Branner and Phillips have been working on the FY 2017-18 Audit.

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

POLICE REPORT: Chief J. R. Dodd reported that officers Scholten and Thompson participated in active shooter training hosted by the Harrisonburg City Police Department. Other attending agencies included James Madison University and Bridgewater. Plains Elementary School has also reached out to the Police Department for active shooter training which will take place next week. They will also do a walk thru of the school. Chief Dodd reported that the National Night Out was a success. Town Manager Austin Garber presented council with a red lined version of the inoperable motor vehicle ordinance. That was emailed to him by the Town Attorney. Robert Blosser had stated he would like to see a red lined version, so that the changes were highlighted. A motion was made by Carl Turner and seconded by Ned Overton to adopt the changes to the inoperable vehicle ordinance. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS: Town Manager read the council a list of the jobs completed by the maintenance crew. A copy will become part of these minutes. During his report he stated that it had been determined that while checking a manhole on the west side of Fifth avenue that water is coming from a service lateral belonging to the Farm Bureau resulting in a high volume of flow at the Park pump station. A visual inspection needs to be done in the basement of the building to identify the problem. The BOD's for the month of June were 259 mg/L. There was no update on the Holtzman Park. Austin Garber stated he will be attending the the VML conference September 30th- October 2nd. It will be held in Hampton, Virginia. He asked if any of the council were interested in attending. The registrations could be sent in together. An Eagle Scout completed a project in the park. He installed two recycling/waste stations in the park. Austin stated he had taken pictures and would be posting them on facebook. Carl Turner stated there were a couple of places that needed work on the streets after the paving was done. Austin Garber stated that he had contacted VDOT about the manhole cover and the side walk that was broke up north of the museum.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY: Ned Overton stated that the social media seminar being put on by the Economic Development Authority for the local businesses will be held at the Plains District Community Center. There will be five classes for the workshop including Intro to Facebook, Google Business and others. The cost is \$10.00 per class and food will be provided. The instructor is from Staunton. Austin Garber stated that the tentative opening dates for Dollar Tree is August 17th and for Auto Zone is August 18th.

ZONING ACTIVITY: Wilda Wine reported the following zoning activity:

193 East Riverside Drive- porch addition	3190 Declaration Drive- accessory building
158/162 New Market Road- new retail building	14827 Woodcreek Lane- accessory building

PARKS AND RECREATION: Members of Council visited the park sites to try to determine what their visions were for the parks. Carl Turner asked if the tennis courts were going to be fixed. Mayor Delaughter stated that would be considered, but they would have to determine what the citizens would like to see and the costs for renovations to both the tennis courts and the swimming pool. The next meeting of the park committee will be in the old park to determine how to update the facilities. Mayor Delaughter would like to have a Park Plan by the next budget session (FY19-20). He stated it might be possible to find a JMU student to help with designing the parks.

FINANCE: Chairman Robert Blosser was absent. Austin Garber reported that the auditor stated that the audit appears to be moving smoothly.

PERSONNEL: No report.

PLAINS DISTRICT MEMORIAL MUSEUM. Historian Beverly Garber reported on happenings in Timberville. Wilda Wine reported 45 visitors and 137 volunteer hours logged for the month. The new exhibit is Local Quilts from the Valley and nearby areas. A smaller exhibit is Top Hats-Hairpins & Evening Purses. A special program will be held September 16th in observance of the museum 20th anniversary.

OTHER BUSINESS: Rae Ann Mathias had approached the Mayor concerning the property that adjoins her mother's on East Riverside Drive. The weeds had grown up on their fence making it impossible to mow. She was also concerned about the back yard not being maintained. The property management company for the owner killed the vines and weeds from her fence, but had done nothing in the back of the house. Chief Dodd, Officer Thompson, Austin Garber and the Mayor walked the railroad tracks behind the property to view the back yard. It is very steep and it has now become a wooded area with trees and weeds. Mayor Delaughter stated that he felt that there should be ten feet from their fence cleared, however he did not feel that the ordinance could be enforced to make the owner clean up the wooded area because of a steep drop off. Rae Ann Mathias stated the back would not have gotten into that shape if the Town had enforced the ordinance years ago. She blamed the lack of enforcement by the Town for the condition of the property. Mayor Delaughter cited a previous court case about the property and that he felt a judge would not require the owner to maintain the property because of the steep drop off.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Paula Bowman stated she would like to see the tennis courts upgraded based on the comments from a student and Laura Coffman. She feels there is a need to promote exercise among the young people because of the obesity epidemic.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Carl Turner to go into closed session pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act Section 2.2-3711 A.1 for discussion of possible hiring of personnel. Ned Overton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION: Carl Turner moved to come out of closed session stating that only the hiring of personnel was discussed. A roll call vote was taken to confirm as follows:

Carl Turner- yes Todd Thomas- yes Ned Overton- yes Sharon Jones- yes

Juanita Price- yes Donald Delaughter- yes

TOWN MANAGERS RECOMMENDATION: A motion was made by Ned Overton and seconded by Todd Thomas stating that the council consents to the recommendation made by the Town Manager. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: No further business, the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Wilda Wine, Clerk

Donald Delaughter, Mayor