

MINUTES OF THE TIMBERVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

June 14, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Timberville Council was held Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town’s 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
Mark Callahan, Town Attorney
J. R. Dodd, Police Chief
Melinda Cleaver, Office Assistant
Beverly Garber, Town Historian

GUESTS: Paula and Larry Bowman

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Todd Thomas and seconded by Ned Overton to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2018 council meeting and the May 17th Public Hearing. Carl made the motion to approve both minutes and Juanita Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

TREASURER’S REPORT: General Fund	\$199,682.13
Water/Sewer Acct.	\$206,097.30
Savings Account	\$1,087,517.60
Loan balance	\$ 921,827.43

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.

ADOPTION OF VIRGINIA CODE 5.511: A motion was made to adopt the Virginia Traffic Code Section 5.511 to be effective July 1, 2018 by Carl Turner. Ned Overton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, with all members voting in favor.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Dodd asked council their feelings on the peddler’s ordinance that he had provided a copy to each member at last month’s meeting. A motion was made by Carl Turner and seconded by Ned Overton to ask town attorney Mark Callahan to draft an ordinance similar to the one

received from New Market for Timberville. A draft will be sent to the Town Manager for distribution to council. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. Chief Dodd also reported that next month officers would be attending active shooter training with other towns, JMU, and the Harrisonburg City Police Department. Police Officers Memorial Week and the support of the officers in the 5K race for Plains Elementary School and John C. Myers Elementary were very much appreciated by all the officers. Chief Dodd also represented the department in the Special Olympics Torch Run and visited with pre K students in the park. The USDA Safety Inspectors at Pilgrim's Pride worked with the Ruritans and secured Rudy Bears for distribution by the police department for children in stressful situations.

PUBLIC WORKS: Town Manager presented the council with a list of the jobs completed by the maintenance crew. A copy will become part of these minutes. The BOD's for the month of May were not available. The Cherry Street project is almost complete. During the heavy rains the sewer backed up into two residences on East C Street one was 177 East C. Street (Roland Crist) and the other was 113 East C Street (Mrs. Edwin Coffman). The Coffman house sustained damage to the washing machine, but sewer backed up in the bathroom at the Crist home. A plumber was contacted about putting a check valve in the line at the Crist house. During the rain storms Don Delaughter and Austin Garber walked around town checking problem areas for drainage problems. The Walmart retention pond is working very good, capturing 25 acres of runoff including that from the Food Lion Shopping Center. There is a need to find a way to handle the runoff from another additional 125 acres. The old McCauley property on Maple Avenue has been sold. The owner of Timberville Crossing has purchased the property. They will probably be bringing another plan to council for the senior citizen housing development proposed several years ago. Mark Callahan wrote a license agreement for the use of the Holtzman property behind the Chevron Station by the Town as a boat launch to access the river. After discussion, several items needed to be addressed such as insurance liability and ADA requirements. Mark Callahan will check to see if there are any ADA compliance requirements for the intended use and Austin Garber will check on the insurance liability and coverage. The American Legion building has been torn down and there is a stockpile of dirt for leveling off the property. Holtzman's Exxon station will be closing July 9th until the new station opens. It was announced that an ABC store and Verizon store will be in the two tenant proposed building on the parcel previously owned by Walmart on Route 211. The Auto Zone has experienced some issues with power line and sewer easements.

ANNEXATION: The proposed annexation of the growth area that was first initiated as a request from Sentara RMH necessary to build an addition to the existing facility was discussed. Sentara has asked for three acres to be annexed and rezoned. The Town wants to annex a minimum of 30 acres because of costs associated with surveying each time the boundaries change. There is no money budgeted in the FY18-19 budget for annexation costs and if Sentara wants to annex, they will have to pay for the survey. Sentara must make a formal request for annexation and rezoning, but it was the consensus of council that they would not annex less than 30 acres and would not pay for surveying at this time.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY: Rockingham Cooperative has been issued a height variance for the construction of 2 60' tall grain silos across from the pool by the Board of Zoning Appeals. Equipment used should produce very little dust and a visual barrier will be created. Carl Turner asked if letters could be sent to the residents about the hours for placement of trash receptacles on the street for weekly pickup.

ZONING ACTIVITY: Wilda Wine reported the following zoning activity:

108 New Market Road- new convenience store construction	125 East C. Street- fence
368 Fifth Avenue- height variance grain elevators	160 Memorial Park Dr.- Variance

14827 Woodcreek Lane- Variance
365 Maple Avenue- fence

319 Cherry Street- new home construction
3549 Majestic Circle- an accessory building

PARKS AND RECREATION: Sharon Jones asked if she should contact Blue Ribbon Nursery about replacing one of the trees. She was instructed to do so.

FINANCE: Receiving no comments on the FY 18-19 budget at the Public Hearing on May 17th, a motion was made by Robert Blosser to adopt the \$2,123,496.92 proposed budget. The increases in revenue reflect an increase in the meals tax from 5% to 6% and in the cigarette tax from .20 per pack to .25 per pack. There is a 5% increase in water and sewer rates and trash charges will increase \$1.00 per month. Real Estate tax revenue will increase only because of reassessment of value by Rockingham County. Todd Thomas seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous voting by all council members.

Attorney Mark Callahan had the meals tax and cigarette tax ordinances with the new increases approved with the budget for council to sign. He will have the new water and sewer and trash increase ordinances ready for next council meeting.

PERSONNEL: Kevin Hinkle's term on the Planning Commission will expire on 6/30/18. A motion was made by Sharon Jones and seconded by Carl Turner to reappoint him for another four year term. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

PLAINS DISTRICT MEMORIAL MUSEUM. Historian Beverly Garber reported on happenings in Timberville. He also reported that the Brethern Tour Group was returning to Timberville again this year. Wilda Wine reported 87 visitors and 165 volunteer hours logged for the month. The new exhibit is Local Quilts from the Valley and nearby areas. The museum has been notified that they are the beneficiary of someone's will.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Paula Bowman asked if the traffic generated by the new silos would have to use Memorial Park Drive. They will enter the same way as before because of the scales and will cross the scales to leave. She asked if the town had sprayed the park for ticks. Austin Garber stated he had not heard of any problem. She also asked if the Town had hired a pool manager. Bailey Hanson, one of the lifeguards from last year will manage the pool. She expressed the concern about the ABC store. Mayor Delaughter explained that the property is zoned B-1 (business) and that a retail store is allowed and the Town has to abide by the zoning laws. The Timberville All School reunion will be held August 4th at Plains Elementary School starting at 4:30 p.m. Paula invited anyone who attended the school to come.

ADJOURNMENT: No further business, the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Wilda Wine, Clerk

Donald Delaughter, Mayor