

MINUTES OF THE TIMBERVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 12, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Timberville Council was held Thursday, April 12, 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
Nolan Stout, DNR

GUESTS: Paula and Larry Bowman
Arthur Blanchett

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 Carl Turner and seconded by Ned Overton to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2018 special meeting as presented. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. A motion was made by Carl Turner and seconded by Todd Thomas to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 8, 2018. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

TREASURER’S REPORT: General Fund	\$ 99,811.51
Water/Sewer Acct.	\$310,614.72
Savings Account	\$1,087,517.60
Loan balance	\$ 937,135.02

BILLS FOR PAYMENT: A motion was made by Ned Overton and seconded by Carl Turner to pay the bills as presented. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Dodd reported that the cleanup that was started a year ago has been very successful. There are still a few places that continue to be a problem, but if they are not corrected by the special trash pickup summons will be issued. He also stated that he had met with the owner of the warehouse off McCauley Drive, and work will begin on the cleanup on Monday or Tuesday weather permitting. Chief Dodd stated that the spring training cycle has begun with half of the officers attending this past week and the other half next week. The Drug Task Force has reached out to the local police

departments with information on the increased use of heroin and fentanyl in powder form, which is deadly. Masks and protective equipment has been purchased for the safety of the officers. Three officers will be attending active shooter training at Liberty University. Chief Dodd and Officer Thompson will present a program for the employees of the Farmers and Merchants Bank at the end of the month. The department continues to work with Plains Elementary School to develop a plan in case of active shooter incident. National Night Out will be held the first Tuesday in August. Michele has received a grant from Walmart and Cargill and Pilgrims will be also solicited. The week of May 15th is National Police Week, a memorial for officers killed in the line of duty. Officer Jeremy Hooke also received a \$1000 grant from Walmart to be used for an AED Defibrillator.

PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND FY17-18 BUDGET: Mayor Delaughter called the public hearing to amend the FY17-18 budget to order. He explained that the budget was being amended to allow the Town to take advantage of two bids submitted by a contractor. The demolition of the old American Legion building will cost \$10,000 to \$12,000 and \$10,000- \$12,000 for asbestos removal. The water improvements on the Cherry Street loop will cost \$50,000. He stated the amended amount to the budget would be \$72, 200. There was no public comment from the audience, therefore, the public hearing closed. Finance chairman, Robert Blosser stated that because of the low interest being earned on the savings accounts the water improvements should be paid for from the water and sewer savings and the American Legion demolition be paid for from the General Fund savings account. He made the motion to fund the projects as outlined. Ned Overton seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. A motion was made by Sharon Jones and seconded by Todd Thomas to award the contracts for both jobs to Bradford Morris Excavating. The motion carried with all members voting unanimously in favor.

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 continue to be high. Austin Garber will be meeting with John Coffman from the Town of Broadway to set up a testing schedule at remote stations to identify the areas with high BOD's. Karl Schaeffer has checked on the water analysis of Food Processors water and the blending of town water for the interconnection because there had been a problem when the town had to use Food Processors water for half of the town. There is not an easy way to blend the water but after a period of time, the problems would probably cease. The best location for the interconnection vault would on the Walmart property at the corner of South Main and American Legion Drive. Council was given a copy of an email from Zack Grandle offering a water source that yields 1.5 million gallons a day. Balser and Associates have written a new program for VDOT for beautifying roadways and streets. Businesses would finance the improvements with no costs for the town. There is also a new group forming called "Plains Area Revitalization". It is in the early stages, but might possibly come to next month's meeting. Permits have been issued for demolition of the BB&T Bank building for Auto Zone. Austin Garber stated he had sent a letter to Rockingham County requesting assistance in getting the zip code change for the American Legion area and Legion Hills. Mark Hensley, Rockingham County Public Works, has been in contact with the maintenance supervisors from other groups trying to coordinate a training schedule.

Robert Blosser asked Austin Garber to look into getting sidewalks repaired either by VDOT or Town employees. The two main concerns were Maple Avenue and C Street.

VDOT RESOLUTION LEGION HILLS SUBDIVISION: A resolution was presented to council for approval and to request that VDOT take the streets in the Legion Hills Subdivision into the State Road system. Developer Randy Cosner has met all of VDOT's concerns and the subdivision will be completed soon. A

motion was made by Ned Overton and seconded by Todd Thomas to present the resolution to VDOT. The motion carried with the following vote: Carl Turner- yes, Robert Blosser- yes, Todd Thomas-yes, Ned Overton- yes, Sharon Jones- yes and Juanita Price- yes.

VDOT SIX YEAR PLAN: The VDOT six year plan will be presented at the Holiday Inn in Staunton on May 3rd.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY: No report.

ZONING ACTIVITY: Wilda Wine reported the following zoning activity:

273 Center St. - new fence 205 South Main St- sign 241 North Main – deck
3220 Legion Way- an accessory building 3485, 3589,3591 Majestic Circle- new dwellings
Boost Mobile shopping center- new sign, 15538 Lone Pine Drive- new deck

PARKS AND RECREATION: Employees are gearing up to get the pool open. Sharon Jones asked if the maintenance department would clean out the flower pots along Main Street.

FINANCE: A meeting is scheduled to discuss FY 19 budget on April 18th at 5:30 p.m.

PERSONNEL: No report

PLAINS DISTRICT MEMORIAL MUSEUM. Wilda Wine reported 143 visitors for the month and 193 volunteer hours logged. The current exhibit is 18th and 19th Century Grist Mills in Plains District. There are two smaller exhibits: Wetsel Seed Company and Folk Art. The Dinner Dance was very successful. There will be a lecture on April 22nd consisting of the exhibitors from the current displays.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mayor Delaughter said he had contacted the Commander of the American Legion, George Tuscano, about giving them the sign from building that was removed before demolition.

Ned Overton stated that he was in charge of organizing the parade for the Timberville Volunteer Fire Department to be held June 8th. He also informed council that the Friends of the North Fork would be doing river cleanup on April 21st. He would like the town to clean up the debris under the bridge.

Mayor Delaughter reminded everyone about special trash pickup April 18th and told them to remind their neighbors.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Paula Bowman asked if GPS had been contacted about the trucks using Memorial Park Drive. The trucks still continue to use the road. Chief Dodd stated that if the trucks are farm vehicles, the restriction could not be enforced. She stated it was not about tickets, but a safety issue. Austin Garber stated that he had not heard from any of the companies so he has contacted VDOT to request the change. She also stated when she googled attractions for Timberville the park does not come up. She wanted to know how the Town could promote the park.

CLOSED SESSION: Robert Blosser made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Freedom of Information Act Section 2.2-3711.7 to discuss possible litigation. Sharon Jones seconded the motion and it carried with all members voting in favor.

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Robert Blosser and seconded by Todd Thomas to come out of closed session. A roll call vote was taken that only legal matters were discussed. The vote was as followed: Carl Turner-yes Robert Blosser- yes Todd Thomas-yes Ned Overton- yes Sharon Jones-yes Juanita Price-yes and Donald Delaughter- yes

SWOPE PROPERTY WATER LINE EXTENSION: Nelson Swope has asked for four or five water hookups as a condition for signing the easement. It was the consensus of the group not to waive water hookup fees as an incentive. The extension would increase the value of his property along with improving fire flow to Legion Hills. Sharon Jones made the motion to offer \$1500 as compensation for the easement. Ned Overton seconded the motion. The motion carried with Sharon Jones, Ned Overton, Juanita Price, and Carl Turner voting in favor and Robert Blosser and Todd Thomas voting no.

ADJOURNMENT: No further business, the meeting adjourned.

Wilda Wine, Clerk

Donald Delaughter, Mayor