

MINUTES OF THE TIMBERVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

October 10th, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Timberville Council was held Thursday October 10th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town's council chambers with Mayor Donald Delaughter presiding.

MEMBERS: Robert Blosser-Present Carl Turner-Present
Juanita Price-Present Ned Overton-Present
Sharon Jones-Present Natalie Sherlock-Present

PRESENT: Austin Garber, Town Manager
Melinda Cleaver, Clerk/Treasurer
JR Dodd, Chief of Police
Mark Callahan, Town Attorney
Beverly Garber, Town Historian

GUESTS: Paula Bowman Nathanael Kelley Kevin Hinkle
Butch Bowman Benny Mehta Staci Woods
Seth Roderick Johnny Garber Sarah Berry
Noah Trumbo Gene Bliss Greg Gillette
James Riddel

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Carl Turner and seconded by Natalie Sherlock to approve the minutes of the September 12th, 2019 council, the Special Meeting Minutes from September 18th, 2019 and the Public Hearing Minutes from September 24th, 2019. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: General Fund	\$25,039.00
Water/Sewer Acct.	\$79,690.61
Water Money Market	\$1,114,240.40
General Money Market	\$144,120.72
Loan Balance	\$796,069.88

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

POLICE REPORT: Chief Dodd reported that fall firearms training was completed. Officer Scholten attended a sponsored elder abuse class at Harrisonburg Police Department. Chief Dodd spoke at the Boys and Girls Club and stated that the officers are positive role models for the kids. The Pre-K Teachers and students at Plains Elementary arranged a breakfast for the officers. They also made nice thank you booklets to give to each of them. The universal gym that was in the Police Department garage was donated to the boys home on Elderly Lane off of New Market Road. The Sunset United Methodist had a meeting with the Broadway and Timberville Police Departments and the local schools. They are trying to find ways to be relevant in the community and see what needs they could be helpful with. There is a grant request in for Alco Sensors, through Virginia Alcohol Substance Abuse Program, for sensors that need to be replaced. There are also two vest that will be expiring this year and will hopefully be replaced with grant money.

New Officer Rodney Wilson started on September 16th.

VML approved the mutual aid agreement. Mayor Delaughter and Clerk Melinda Cleaver have both signed for Timberville and Chief Dodd will be taking the agreement to Broadway for their mayor and clerk to sign.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Delaughter started the Public Hearing around 7:10PM for the conditional use permit for the Clean N Brite Laundromat at the old Salvation Army Building. Engineer of the project, Seth Roderick, and the owner of the laundromat, Benny Mehta, are present. Mr. Mehta discussed his plans for the laundromat. He states he has been looking at the Timberville area for a while and would like to replicate a smaller version of one of his locations in Harrisonburg (that are on the North and South ends of Harrisonburg). The laundromat would be community based, safe and have friendly service. The anticipated close time would be 10:00PM and therefore would not be a 24-hour location. Gene Bliss asked if it would be a lot of construction. Mr. Mehta stated it should be minor because there will be no structure change to the building. Gene Bliss asked when it would be open. Mr. Mehta projects the end of January maybe in to the first of February. Johnny Garber asked about sufficient parking. Mr. Mehta stated that parking should not be an issue since there isn't normally more than 4-6 cars there during peak times. Gene Bliss asked if he was going to blacktop the parking area and Mr. Mehta stated not at this time. Part of the parking lot is already paved. After no more public comment, Mayor Delaughter closed the public comment section and asked the Planning Commission if they had any questions. Chairman Kevin Hinkle stated the Planning Commission did not have any questions. Mayor Delaughter asked council if they had any questions. Ned Overton asked about the laundromat being unattended. Mr. Mehta stated that he has someone who lives across the street who will be helping to oversee the location. Ned Overton asked how many parking spaces are required. Engineer Seth Roderick stated that based on town ordinance it was 10 spaces that are required and they have 10 spaces that are paved.

The Planning Commission recommended to approve the conditional use permit. Natalie Sherlock made a motion to approve the conditional use permit for the laundromat. Sharon Jones seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS: Town Manager Austin Garber gave the council a list of the jobs completed by the maintenance crew. A copy will become part of these minutes. The Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) and the Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) report from Maintenance Supervisor Chris Coffman was distributed.

The Town has contracted with a company to do the asbestos testing and materials hazmat testing for the building at 157 North Main Street.

There was one bid received for the trash contract from our current provider. Austin Garber recommended to award the contract to Waste Management. He states the council will have to decide if they want to pass the increase on to residents. It will be an increase of \$1.65 per month (\$3.30 per billing cycle). Sharon Jones stated she was against it the last time and she is still against trash service through Waste Management due to increasing prices. Natalie Sherlock made a motion to award the contract to Waste Management. Robert Blosser seconded the motion. Carl Turner, Juanita Price, Ned Overton, Robert Blosser and Natalie Sherlock voted in favor. Sharon Jones was opposed. The new contract increases the services to around \$10,000. Mayor Delaughter asked if council wanted the Town to absorb the cost and look at it again at budget time or have a public hearing and pass it on to the residents. Robert Blosser stated that according to the numbers that was provided by Town Manager Austin Garber that the trash contract would be \$101,000. Landfill fees are budgeted at \$55,000. For a total expense of \$156,000. Based on the calculations of the current charge of \$28.00 a billing for trash services, that would mean the Town would collect around \$174,000 from residents. Robert Blosser states there is still a cushion there at \$28.00 a billing. Robert Blosser made a motion that the trash charge remain at \$28.00 per billing. Carl Turner seconded the motion. Juanita Price, Sharon Jones, Carl Turner and Robert Blosser voted in favor. Ned Overton and Natalie Sherlock were opposed.

SCADA System is close to being in use. They have communication at the filtration tower. Valley Automation is in Page County and they are monitoring stuff from there.

On September 25th Austin Garber, along with Broadway Town Manager Kyle O'Brien, spoke to the National Honor Society at Broadway High School for their club day. They spoke on what they do as town managers.

Since Timberville has 1500 registered voters, anyone interested in running for mayor or council will need to collect 50 signatures from registered voters in Town. They can start collecting in January of the election year and will need to be submitted by a selected date in June.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY: Ned Overton reported that the ABC Store is open.

Blight letters have been sent out to property owners in town.

A letter has been sent to Dalight for multiple years of delinquent taxes from Attorney Mark Callahan's Office.

Attorney Mark Callahan stated Sunnyside Communities is going to request that the Town reserve funds for Sunnyside in 2023. Mayor Delaughter stated there needs to be an EDA meeting scheduled to discuss.

ZONING ACTIVITY: Melinda Cleaver reported the following zoning activity:

14111 Timber Way - Walgreens Sign

241 High Street – Replacement/Addition to Deck

PARKS AND RECREATION: Mayor Delaughter stated there is a lot of work going on at the American Legion. Tomorrow, Community Art Recreation of Timberville (CART) and Broadway High School Students will be doing work to prepare for the Christmas Village. Austin Garber is looking into wiring permits. Austin Garber stated the park planner was at the VML Conference this past weekend and they had a good discussion with him. Mayor Delaughter stated the park planner is trying to have a drawing ready to show at the Christmas Village.

Sharon Jones stated that the maintenance crew does a fantastic job.

FINANCE: A copy of the FY 2018-19 Audit Report was distributed to each council member and mayor.

PERSONNEL: New Officer Rodney Wilson started September 16th. Also, one officer is still on light duty.

PLAINS DISTRICT MEMORIAL MUSEUM: Historian Beverly Garber reported on happenings in Timberville. Melinda Cleaver reported that the current exhibit is, "Plains District Orchards in the Early Days". Also showing is a smaller exhibit, "Bird Haven – An Early American Experiment in Communal Living."

OTHER BUSINESS: Natalie Sherlock stated she likes the idea of streaming council meetings due to having transparency and for those who cannot attend meetings. Austin Garber stated that he can use his laptop for the streaming. Natalie Sherlock stated that Timberville could be a leader in starting this since no one else locally streams meetings. She also stated that it will show how well broadband works in this area. Natalie Sherlock made a motion to start streaming council meetings. Ned Overton seconded the motion. Juanita Price, Ned Overton and Natalie Sherlock voted in favor. Robert Blosser, Sharon Jones and Carl Turner were opposed. In the event of a tie Mayor Delaughter is the tie breaking vote. Mayor Delaughter voted in favor to stream council meetings. The motion was passed. Ned Overton had a request from a citizen to spell out abbreviations in the council minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Comment

ADJOURNMENT: No further business, the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Melinda Cleaver, Clerk

Donald Delaughter, Mayor