

MINUTES OF THE TIMBERVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

November 14th, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Timberville Council was held Thursday November 14th, 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
Quinton Callahan, Town Attorney
Beverly Garber, Town Historian

GUESTS: Colleen Gray
Ben Wilson

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 Juanita Price to approve the minutes of the October 10th. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: General Fund	\$37,699.04
Water/Sewer Acct.	\$46,206.28
Water Money Market	\$1,116,165.39
General Money Market	\$144,338.11
Loan Balance	\$788,221.97

Mayor Delaughter asked council if they wanted to combine both money market accounts to accrue more interest on the funds and also to have only one savings account. Robert Blosser asked if the auditors were ok with combining them and Melinda Cleaver stated she contacted them and the auditors said it was left up to the council. Ned Overton made a motion to combine the money market accounts. Natalie Sherlock seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

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

POLICE REPORT: Chief Dodd reported that the joint agreement was reviewed by the Town of Broadway and they added a small paragraph. It states that if a Broadway officer is responding in Timberville that they are responsible for their actions and vice versa for Timberville officers. Town Attorney Quinton Callahan reviewed it and approved the addition. Mayor Delaughter asked if council was still good with it and there were no objections.

Chief Dodd had a request to run the traffic counter (stealth stat) on Orchard Drive earlier this month. It was setup the weekend of the event at Showalter's and then was also setup the next weekend for the same length of time. There were an additional 1578 vehicles on the road during that time.

Jeremy Hooke and Steve Scholten completed a Professional Leadership Academy class. Chief Dodd is proud of them for completing that and improving their skill set.

Steve Scholten completed his general instructor class and also finished the apprenticeship. There are now four officers in the department with law enforcement instructor status.

Chief Dodd attended a Home Owners Association (HOA) meeting in Legion Hills.

Shop with a Hero is Sunday, November 17th at the Wal-Mart in Timberville.

Michele Dean became aware of an idea called Buddy Benches. The police department decided they wanted to provide two of the benches for Plains Elementary. Multiple businesses were contacted about donations and Cargill responded immediately that they would donate both. The benches are placed on the playground and encourages children to make new friends and spread kindness in an effort to stop bullying.

PUBLIC WORKS: Town Manager Austin Garber did not have a maintenance report for this month due to Maintenance Supervisor Chris Coffman being on vacation.

This is the first council meeting to be streamed live on Facebook.

Biochemical Oxygen Demand for the month of October were 352 mg per liter, which is 102 over our contract limit. There were five weeks tested and two of the weeks were very high. Austin Garber will check with Broadway to see if they have any ideas of the high readings.

Two different firms were in to do asbestos testing and hazmat testing at 157 N Main Street. Austin Garber received the report back from the asbestos testing and emailed the report to a couple different firms for a remediation quote. There were 82 samples taken and two came back that tested positive for asbestos. Austin Garber stated he has been keeping Donna Sacra updated on the process.

Austin Garber reported they are working on some issues with the SCADA System and are waiting on Dominion to get power to the Route 42 water tank.

There was a water main break on the 10-inch line today on Main Street. Maintenance crew responded quickly and got the line repaired.

Robert Blosser stated that the crops were off on Mr. Swope's property. Austin Garber stated on the upper part there were still some left. He also stated that maintenance supervisor Chris Coffman has been in contact with the contractor on a start time for the Swope water line project.

Robert Blosser inquired about an old water tank that had been sold. Austin Garber stated he would get in contact with the person who purchased it.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY: Ned Overton commented that some buildings on Main Street have been painting and updating their appearances.

ZONING ACTIVITY: Melinda Cleaver reported the following zoning activity:

264 Center St – Accessory Building 136 S Main St – Accessory Building

148 Shenandoah Ave – Accessory Building

PARKS AND RECREATION: Mayor Delaughter discussed the preliminary park plans that were distributed to the council. There will be a park advisory meeting on Wednesday, November 20th at 6:00PM. Mayor Delaughter commented on all the hard work the town maintenance crew has been doing on the stables at the American Legion Park. The electric has been brought up to code. Austin Garber will be having a meeting with the county building official and the fire marshal about what needs to be completed for future events.

Thanks to Broadway High School, Fulks Run Elementary and J. Frank Hillyard for their donated labor at the American Legion Park.

FINANCE: The council received a memo from Town Attorney Mark Callahan about his suggestion to wait to collect the taxes on the Summit Property until after December 31st, 2019. Per the memo it states that the only year the town could collect currently is 2016. There are 48 parcels to research by the attorney which increases the attorney's fees. Town Attorney Quinton Callahan stated he recommends to wait and accumulate more back taxes before a suit is initiated. Robert Blosser asked what the county plans to do and if there were back taxes owed to them. Town Attorney Quinton Callahan stated he would contact the county attorney to see what their plan is.

Mayor Delaughter stated Maintenance Supervisor Chris Coffman gave him his 5-10 year wish list of capital projects. He will get a hard copy out in the council packets next month.

PERSONNEL: None

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: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Colleen Gray thanked everyone for the great job on the Veteran's Event.

ADJOURNMENT: No further business, the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Melinda Cleaver, Clerk

Donald Delaughter, Mayor