

## MINUTES OF THE TIMBERVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Timberville Council was held Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town's council chambers with Mayor Donald Delaughter presiding.

**MEMBERS:**

Robert Blosser-Absent	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:**

Sue & Jr Turner	Adam & Becca Plogger
Shasta & Charlie Smake	Colton Plogger
Clinton Leverett	Kaylee Plogger
Albert Strawderman Jr	Kim Seekford
Gavin Strawderman	Zane Seekford
Paula & Butch Bowman	Steven Cox
Joshua Gooden	Matthew Cox

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

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION:** A resolution of thanks and appreciation for the hard work and hours donated by the J Frank Hillyard Middle School students was read by Town Manager Austin Garber. Ned Overton made a motion to adopt the resolution. Sharon Jones seconded the motion with all present members voting in favor. Mayor Delaughter and Town Manager Austin Garber presented the students with the framed resolution.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Carl Turner and seconded by Natalie Sherlock to approve the corrected minutes from the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. The motion carried with all present members voting in favor. A motion was then made by Carl Turner and seconded by Natalie Sherlock to approve the November 14<sup>th</sup> minutes. The motion carried with all present members voting in favor.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

General Fund	\$66,318.07
Water/Sewer Acct.	\$101,072.42
Money Market Acct.	\$1,262,632.32
Loan Balance	\$780,122.90

**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 present members voting in favor.

**POLICE REPORT:** Chief Dodd reported that the computer software went live November 20<sup>th</sup> and is working out well.

Shop with a Hero event served 25 local families. Wal-Mart, Trinity UCC, Pilgrims, Santa from the Christmas Village, the front office staff, Timberville Lions Club, Broadway Police Department and Timberville Fire Department all contributed to the event.

**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.

Biochemical Oxygen Demand for the month of November were 230 mg per liter, which is 20 mg per liter under our contract limit.

Austin Garber is still receiving quotes for 157 North Main Street. He received one for the hazmat removal and is still waiting for the quote on the asbestos removal.

The old National Fruit Building (brick building) was discussed at the Planning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission decided to pass it the council to recommend for the building to be blighted. Austin Garber recommends for council to hold off and not blight the property. He has been in communication with someone who may purchase the property.

The SCADA System is closer to being up and running. Austin Garber increased the Verizon data usage for the system to remedy overage in data. He hopes that after all the testing is done usage will go back down.

Austin Garber received plans for the Sentara Building expansion. He has sent comments over on the preliminary plans and Sentara has met all of the requirements. VDOT has also made comments on the plans.

The Swope Water Line Project is moving along. The pipe has been delivered. Austin Garber spoke with the engineer who asked about an easement. The town attorney's office has taken care of the easement and it has been recorded. The next step will be getting permits with the gas company for crossing their line. Contractor Bradford Morris should be starting the project in the next 2-3 weeks.

Austin Garber requests that council approve the town's maintenance department to remove the old pool building. Sharon Jones made a motion for the maintenance crew to proceed with tearing down the old pool building. Natalie Sherlock seconded the motion with all present members voting in favor.

**BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY:** Ned Overton reported that Keckley's Auto Detailing is a new business that opened on North Main Street.

Austin Garber stated Rite Aid will be closed from January 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> for the switch over to Walgreens and would reopen January 10<sup>th</sup>.

There has been a lot of positive response to the Elf on the Business again this year. Austin Garber thanked the maintenance crew for their help in moving Bizzy.

Natalie Sherlock stated the Christmas Village sales are up from last year. She states the stables at the American Legion were an excellent choice for the location.

Mayor Delaughter stated that he wants to have a meeting with Shea Alexander, the front office staff and Town Manager Austin Garber to brainstorm some ideas to generate more excitement and ideas for future events in town.

**ZONING ACTIVITY:** Melinda Cleaver reported the following zoning activity:  
212 South Main St – Addition to Timberville Fire Department

**PARKS AND RECREATION:** Sharon Jones gave kudos to the maintenance department for how beautiful Main Street looks with the Christmas lights.

**FINANCE:** Mayor Delaughter reminded council to review Maintenance Supervisor Chris Coffman's 5-10 year plan.

**PERSONNEL:** None

**PLAINS DISTRICT MEMORIAL MUSEUM:** Historian Beverly Garber reported on happenings in Timberville. Melinda Cleaver reported that the current exhibit is, "Old Houses of Plains District, 1800 – 1900's."

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Carl Turner made a motion for the town to join its brother and sister localities and send a message to Richmond and declare itself a 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Sanctuary town. Natalie Sherlock

seconded the motion with Sharon Jones, Juanita Price, Carl Turner and Natalie Sherlock voting in favor. Ned Overton abstained stating he does not know enough about it to vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Paula Bowman stated she agrees that the streets look beautiful. Ms. Bowman also stated that after the no truck signs were put up on Memorial Park Drive that she was led to believe the trucks would be ticketed. She states that a couple weeks ago she found out that was not the case. Chief Dodd stated that he personally would not ticket an out of town driver who was directed there by GPS. He stated that Officer Thompson ticketed a local truck driver because he was familiar with the area. Chief Dodd stated that it's a discretionary thing. Ms. Bowman stated the trucks use Memorial Park Drive every day. Chief Dodd commented that he feels the majority of truck traffic are now using McCauley Drive. Ms. Bowman wants the town to reach out to the GPS companies again.

**ADJOURNMENT:** No further business, the meeting adjourned.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

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Melinda Cleaver, Clerk

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Donald Delaughter, Mayor