

**MINUTES OF THE TIMBERVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Timberville Council was held Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>, 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  
Mark Callahan, Town Attorney  
Beverly Garber, Town Historian

**GUESTS:** Paula Bowman Kaitlyn Justice  
Butch Bowman Eliza Johnson  
Hope Monger Nichole Kelley  
Makayla Reedy Nathanael Kelley  
Samuel Pittington

**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 Ned Overton to approve the minutes of the March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 council meeting and the Budget Minutes from March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

General Fund	\$45,421.66
Water/Sewer Acct.	\$207,967.69
Water Money Market	\$1,140,229.71
General Money Market	\$142,844.06
Loan Balance	\$843,662.12

**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 the new computers in the patrol cars are up and running. The E-Citation roll-out should be released this month by the project managers. All the officers have done at least 8 hours of mandated computer training for the month. Spring training is coming up, which is mandated through the state, for firearms qualification and use of force policy. The chief reports there is a large number of issues with mental health problems in the community. There are some traumatic brain injury residents and residents who need some extra support within the community. Officer Scholten attended a mental health forum in Harrisonburg that was promoted by the

Mayor of Harrisonburg. Officer Scholten spoke with local delegate Tony Wilt. The chief gave an example of a previous resident's experience who was a traumatic brain injury patient and had psychological issues. When he would try and get help from the Community Services Board, they would tell him it's a medical issue. When he tried to get medical help, they would consider it mental health. The chief feels traumatic brain issues "falls through the cracks". He's hoping by building small relationships that it helps some of these residents get the services they need.

Morning with My Friends Daycare from Church Street did their annual Trike-A-Thon at Heritage Park in Broadway. The officers participated by directing traffic and doing check points.

A few of the officers went over to Plains Elementary during the book fair. Chief Dodd states there are a lot of disadvantaged kids in the community. The officers want to be a positive role model for the students and this a great opportunity to see them in a positive light.

**ADOPTION OF VIRGINIA CODE 5-1.1:** A motion was made to adopt the Virginia Traffic Code Section 5-1.1 to be effective July 1, 2019 by Ned Overton. Natalie Sherlock seconded 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. There was also a BOD log sheet attached from maintenance supervisor Chris Coffman. From the report it shows the grease was not coming from Hardees. It appears to be coming from the manhole of the short strip of buildings to the left of the shopping complex. Austin Garber stated he would be checking with Roman's and Double Dragon to see if they have grease traps and if they are maintaining them properly.

Austin Garber received an email from Harrisonburg Construction Company regarding a bid for 157 N. Main Street that Ms. Sacra requested. However, there was no signed contract between them and Ms. Sacra. Natalie Sherlock made a motion to begin the process/public hearing to demolish the Crist Building and if Ms. Sacra complies the process will stop. Carl Turner seconded the motion with all members voting in favor. Austin Garber will send a letter to Ms. Sacra of when the public hearing will be. The Swope agreement has been completed and ready for signatures. Ned Overton made a motion to enter into the agreement with Mr. Swope. Natalie Sherlock seconded the motion with all members voting in favor. Mayor Delaughter and Austin Garber will contact Mr. Swope to sign the agreement. He will get an original copy and the town will keep a copy.

Austin Garber gave the council the suggested Amendments to 3-2.5 Open Air Fires Ordinance to delete (d) and (e) and follow the counties regulations. Robert Blosser made a motion to incorporate the distances from the county in the ordinance. Sharon Jones seconded the motion with Robert Blosser, Natalie Sherlock, Ned Overton, Juanita Price and Sharon Jones in favor. Carl Turner was opposed.

Austin Garber gave an update that he heard back from VDOT that they will have some plans and cost within the next month for the crosswalks in front of the Town Office.

Austin Garber reported that the office received one life guard application and no other inquiries. Maintenance Supervisor Chris Coffman received an estimate of \$19,000 to get the equipment ready to be able to open/operate the pool. The first month (June) the pool is open falls in this fiscal year. Austin states it would take \$52,189 to operate the pool for just July and August. He met with Harrisonburg Gators and they didn't think it would work for them to take over the pool. The shallow end is not deep enough for what they would need it for. Mayor Delaughter noted the decline in attendance over the last few years and that if it doesn't open this year that doesn't mean it won't ever open again. Robert Blosser stated that he doesn't want it to be seen that the Town isn't opening the pool because of numbers. However, he notes you have to have lifeguards to open. Ned Overton reiterated the decline in attendance and also the expense of almost \$70,000 for the whole season. He doesn't feel it makes good sense to open the pool. Natalie Sherlock noted the decline in attendance and that the council is aware

and wants to know what does interest residents. Sharon Jones stated she hates to see the pool close but if there isn't anyone to work it then there is no other choice but to close. Natalie Sherlock made a motion to close the pool for this year as the council continues with the exploration of the parks. Juanita Price seconded the motion with Carl Turner, Ned Overton, Natalie Sherlock and Juanita Price voting in favor. Robert Blosser and Sharon Jones were opposed.

**BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY:** No Report

**ZONING ACTIVITY:** Melinda Cleaver reported the following zoning activity:

204 Memorial Park Dr – Accessory Building                      Cherry Street – New Home Construction

**PARKS AND RECREATION:** No Report. Austin Garber contacted Neil Marrin from JMU about park design but has not heard anything back.

**FINANCE:** No Report. The next budget meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Robert Blosser suggests to increase the projected number of water/sewer connection fees for the 2019-20 budget to 6 and would like the year to date numbers for this fiscal year.

**PERSONNEL:** No Report.

**PLAINS DISTRICT MEMORIAL MUSEUM.** Historian Beverly Garber reported on happenings in Timberville. Melinda Cleaver reported that the current exhibit is, "Old Houses – 1700-1800 Still Standing in the Plains District". Also showing is a smaller exhibit on Family Bibles.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Paula Bowman states several people have asked why they haven't cleaned up the fence row where the car went through their hedge. She explains they cannot do anything until the pole has been replaced because the power pole will determine where they put the fence post. She was wondering if anyone had any connections to get the process moving along. The no parking sign has not been put back up and is still laying on the ground. Mayor Delaughter stated someone could get that put up. Paula also recommends since the pool won't be opening that some of the money can be used to put a sidewalk down Memorial Park Drive down to the park and also one going down McCauley to JJ's. She states the big trucks are still going down Memorial Park Drive and she thinks ticketing is the only way to stop it. She thinks a letter needs to be sent out to the different business's who have deliveries to remind them that they shouldn't be using Memorial Park.

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

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

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Melinda Cleaver, Clerk

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Donald Delaughter, Mayor