

MINUTES OF THE TIMBERVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

July 9th, 2020

A meeting of the Town of Timberville Council was held Thursday July 9th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. electronically on zoom 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
Quinton Callahan, Town Attorney
JR Dodd, Chief of Police
Larry Crider, Retired Police Sergeant
Jeremy Hooke, Police Sergeant
Steve Scholten, Master Police Officer

AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT MEETINGS ELECTRONICALLY: Town Manager Austin Garber read a statement detailing the authorizing to conduct electronic public meetings to address essential business, citing the Declaration of Local Emergency, the Resolution Authorizing Electronic Public Meetings and the Emergency Ordinance to Address Continuity of Operations, The declaration, resolution and ordinance were adopted at a special meeting held on Tuesday, May 26th, 2020. These orders are in effect for 6 months from the date of adoption. Timberville Town Council and town staff were in attendance. Transaction of business by the meeting participants was conducted through the Zoom electronic conferencing platform and was live streamed on the Town of Timberville's YouTube channel for public viewing. Required notifications were listed on social media outlets and sent by email.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Carl Turner made a motion to approve the June 11th Council Minutes and the minutes from the special meeting held on June 18th. Sharon Jones seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Carl Turner-Yes Ned Overton-Yes
Bob Blosser-Yes Sharon Jones-Yes
Natalie Sherlock-Yes Juanita Price-Unable to record vote

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| TREASURER'S REPORT: General Fund | \$113,500.60 |
| Water/Sewer Acct. | \$91,700.87 |
| Loan Balance | \$723,676.44 |
| CAT Financial | \$20,873.82 |
| American Legion Park | \$185,000 |
| Money Market Acct. | \$1,209,885.14 |

BILLS FOR PAYMENT: A motion was made by Carl Turner and seconded by Natalie Sherlock to pay the bills as presented for the month of July.

Roll Call Vote:

Carl Turner-Yes Ned Overton-Yes
Bob Blosser-Yes Sharon Jones-Yes
Natalie Sherlock-Yes Juanita Price-Unable to record vote

PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY: Chief Dodd announced that Sergeant Larry Crider had retired effective June 30th. Chief Dodd thanked Sergeant Crider for serving the Timberville Police Department for 20 years

and wished him the best in his retirement. Chief Dodd also announced that effective July 8th, 2020 Jeremy Hooke was promoted as the new sergeant and would assume additional administrative and leadership responsibilities. Effective July 8th, 2020 Steve Scholten was promoted to Master Police Officer and would carry additional administrative responsibilities including evidence control, investigations and mental health advocacy.

WATER TANK LOT DISCUSSION: Town Manager Austin Garber explained that the old water tank on Town Reservoir Lane was sold on the surplus item site for a \$1. The purchaser thought he could repurpose it and has never been able to do so. The property across the lane from where the tank sets has been sold. The new owner of the property contacted the town about allowing him to take the tank down at his expense. His preference would be to purchase the property and then remove the tank due to the water tank sitting in front of his front porch. Austin Garber stated his recommendation is to send it to public hearing, to dispose of the property according to the process that the town attorney conveyed to him. Austin stated the public hearing could happen if the council meets in person in August. He also stated a purchase price has not been discussed. Robert Blosser asked how much acreage is with the property. Austin Garber stated he did not have that information on hand. Robert Blosser asked if that property was out of town. Austin Garber stated it was in town. Robert Blosser asked about easements on the property. Austin Garber stated the owner would give any easements needed for access. Ned Overton made a motion to hold a public hearing to determine the salability of the property based on the recommendation from the town manager. Natalie Sherlock seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Carl Turner-Yes | Ned Overton-Yes |
| Bob Blosser-Yes | Sharon Jones-Yes |
| Natalie Sherlock-Yes | Juanita Price-Unable to record vote |

Council received a letter from Maintenance Supervisor Chris Coffman on the work completed for the maintenance crew and accomplishments they have made. A copy will become part of the minutes.

Austin Garber received a phone call from an individual who is purchasing the remaining 11 acres at the Orchards across from Food Lion. The development that was approved in 2005 on Granny Smith Drive had 40 of the approved 76 lots developed. That leaves the remaining to be developed. There is a contract on the property and once sold they owner will work on submitting a site plan. Once developed, it would be an increase in connection fees of around \$220,000 and an increase in Real Estate Taxes for the town.

Ned Overton inquired on the Cares Act and what the town is tentatively supposed to receive from that. Austin Garber stated around \$129,000-\$139,000. Austin stated that if those funds are received that the record keeping is up to the town. If funds are spent, the town makes the determination if it falls within the guidelines of the Cares Act. Anything not spent is returned at the end of the year. These funds will be audited on the Federal and State levels. If funds are spent on items not covered, the burden falls on the town to pay back. Grant Programs could be setup for businesses in town who are struggling due to the pandemic. Ned Overton stated there were programs setup through the county that ends next week and the town should promote that information on social media. Austin Garber stated Cecilia Valdez had notified the businesses in town with that information.

Robert Blosser asked about the delays in the water line project and wanted an update. Austin Garber stated everything is completed from Lone Pine up the hill and across the planted part of the property from Legion Hills Subdivision. Austin stated he would check with Maintenance Supervisor Chris Coffman to confirm the contractor would be back on site in a week or so. The contractor had to go off site because there needed to be more pipe ordered, which has come in. The projected date of completion is end of July or the first of August.

Robert Blosser thanked Melinda Cleaver and the maintenance department for their help in assisting on a project at the Farm Bureau. The crew responded and was on scene to locate a water line within an hour.

ADJOURNMENT: No further business, the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Melinda Cleaver, Clerk

Donald Delaughter, Mayor