

MINUTES OF THE TIMBERVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

November 11th, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Timberville Council was held Thursday November 11th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town's council chambers with Mayor Donald Delaughter presiding.

MEMBERS: Carl Turner-Present Sharon Jones-Present
Clarence Fox-Present Natalie Sherlock-Present
Debbie Jessup-Present Ned Overton-Absent

PRESENT: Austin Garber, Town Manager
JR Dodd, Chief of Police
Quinton Callahan, Town Attorney
Beverly Garber, Town Historian

GUESTS: Sarah Berry
Paula Bowman
Butch Bowman
Greg Turner
Jennifer Turner

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 Clarence Fox and seconded by Sharon Jones to approve the September Council Minutes. The motion carried with all present members voting in favor.

Roll Call Vote:

Natalie Sherlock-Yes Clarence Fox-Yes
Sharon Jones-Yes Carl Turner-Yes
Debbie Jessup-Yes

TREASURER'S REPORT: General Fund	\$19,449.79
Water/Sewer Acct.	\$168,931.67
Loan Balance	\$905,925.14
CAT Financial	\$8,129.85
American Legion Park	\$180,000
Money Market Acct.	\$1,219,523.08
ARPA Funds	\$809,424.92

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

Roll Call Vote:

Natalie Sherlock-Yes Clarence Fox-Yes
Sharon Jones-Yes Carl Turner-Yes
Debbie Jessup-Yes

POLICE REPORT: Chief Dodd stated that the new hire has been here for a month and the police department is back to full staff.

The department participated in two Trunk or Treat events last month. The Chief stated it was good to see the kids responding and recognizing the officers. The mayor stated that there was a good turnout for the town's first Trunk or Treat event.

PUBLIC WORKS: Town Manager Austin Garber gave Council a list of the jobs completed by the maintenance crew. A copy will become part of these minutes.

Austin Garber stated he has begun the investigation collecting data, since the Occupancy Limit Ordinance was approved last month. He has been working with some community agencies to not create homeless problems by addressing the current issues.

The zoning permit has been issued for the new Walgreens store and work should begin soon on the new building. The for-sale sign was taken down at the current Walgreens location, but there is not a contract on the property. Austin suspects it will be put back up.

The asbestos abatement on the Crist Building is complete. The contractor is waiting on the return paperwork. The contractor will begin moving their equipment in and start with demolition. Sharon Jones reminded that the museum would like some bricks from the Crist Building.

Debbie Jessup asked for a timeframe of when the residents on Granny Smith would be able to see a change. Austin Garber stated that he has enough documentation on one of the residences to make contact with them within the next week. He is waiting to hear back from some of the agencies he's made contact with. The mayor asked if the town would have to take the ones in violation to court. Town Attorney Quinton Callahan stated that a notice is given that they are in violation of the ordinance and they have a time period to cure. Mr. Callahan stated that if they fell to cure then the town will take the violators to court.

GLOFIBER PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Delaughter started the public hearing at 7:10 pm. Town Manager Austin Garber explained that if an outside utility company wants to put infrastructure in a municipality, then they enter into a franchise agreement with the locality. The locality gives them the permission to put that infrastructure in the public right of way. Timberville had a franchise agreement initially with Adelphia and then changed to Comcast. Austin thought it was originally established in the 80's with the franchise. The proposed franchise agreement would allow GloFiber (a subsidiary of Shentel) to erect their infrastructure in the right of way in Timberville. Data would be the only service provided. Town Attorney Quinton Callahan reviewed the agreement and made some changes. Mr. Callahan stated there was no reason to get bids on a non-exclusive easement. With no public comment, Mayor Delaughter closed the public comment section. The ordinance for Council to approve gives the authority to the town manager to sign the franchise agreement. Natalie Sherlock made a motion to approve the ordinance. Debbie Jessup seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Natalie Sherlock-Yes	Clarence Fox-Yes
Sharon Jones-Yes	Carl Turner-Yes
Debbie Jessup-Yes	

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY: None

ZONING ACTIVITY:

264 Center St – Addition

PARKS AND RECREATION: Mayor Delaughter stated that roof is complete on the shelters. The swing shelter will be put up and the shelter across from the sports complex will be remodeled.

FINANCE: None

PERSONNEL: None

PLAINS DISTRICT MEMORIAL MUSEUM: Sharon Jones reported that the museum membership is 125, 123 volunteer hours and the museum had 80 visitors for the month of October. Town Historian Beverly Garber reported on different happenings in Timberville.

OTHER BUSINESS: Carl Turner asked why the town logo is not on the bucket truck. He would like to see that added.

Sharon Jones stated she had multiple people comment to her that they loved the Trunk of Treat event. Austin Garber reminded about the Winter Festival on December 4th at the American Legion Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Greg Turner, who lives on Granny Smith Drive, thanked the Council for the job that they do trying to keep 3,000 residents happy.

Paula Bowman thanked Chief Dodd and staff for sitting at the park area and pulling trucks over. She stated that families who live close to her have expressed concern for their young children due to the lack of signage for the truck traffic. Ms. Bowman asked if there would be a set of equipment to check out to use on the pickleball courts at the park. Town Manager Austin Garber stated the town was looking into options for that.

ADJOURNMENT: No further business, the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Melinda Hooke, Clerk

Donald Delaughter, Mayor