

MINUTES OF THE TIMBERVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

June 9th, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Timberville Council was held Thursday June 9th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town's council chambers with Mayor Donald Delaughter presiding.

MEMBERS: Carl Turner-Absent 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
Mark Callahan, Town Attorney
Beverly Garber, Town Historian

GUESTS: Colleen Gray
Paula Bowman
Butch Bowman
Sarah Berry

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 Natalie Sherlock and seconded by Clarence Fox to approve the May Council minutes. The motion carried with all present members voting in favor.

Roll Call Vote:

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

A motion was made by Sharon Jones and seconded by Natalie Sherlock to approve the May 19th special minutes. The motion carried with all present members voting in favor.

Roll Call Vote:

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

A motion was made by Sharon Jones and seconded by Clarence Fox to approve the May 31st special minutes. The motion carried with all present members voting in favor.

Roll Call Vote:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: General Fund	\$209,919.16
Water/Sewer Acct.	\$258,472.48
Loan Balance	\$851,535.93
CAT Financial	\$2,452.48
Money Market Acct.	\$1,210,265.66
ARPA Funds	\$471,579.92

BILLS FOR PAYMENT: A motion was made by Debbie Jessup and seconded by Natalie Sherlock 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
Debbie Jessup-Yes

POLICE REPORT: A motion was made by Clarence Fox to adopt the Virginia Traffic Code Section 5-1.1 to be effective July 1, 2022. Natalie Sherlock seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Chief Dodd has been discussing with the police committee about the need for a drug dog. There have been 29 drug arrests in 2022 so far. Mayor Delaughter stated the drug problem is everywhere and unfortunately in the Timberville Community as well. Officer Luke Paczewski is interested in being the dog handler. The estimated startup cost is around \$21,500, with a recurring annual cost of \$2000. Mayor Delaughter stated that Chief Dodd has reached out to the community and there is a fair amount of people interested in contributing toward the expenditures. Town Attorney Mark Callahan asked what the average working life of the dog would be. Chief Dodd said 6-8 years with the types of dogs they are looking at. The dog breed possibilities would be a Labrador or German Shorthaired Pointer. This would be a no bite dog, but would be able to track and trail. Chief Dodd stated that part of his 5-year plan would be that the drug problem does not get worse and having a drug dog would help. Sharon Jones made a motion to buy the dog. Clarence Fox seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The remodel has started on the police department building. Hopefully siding will be in within a couple of weeks. Chief Dodd said that the maintenance department is saving the town money by doing a lot of work themselves.

In-car cameras from Axon were deployed in the patrol vehicles yesterday.

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.

The Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission is doing a housing study. They will be looking at all of the localities and what each one would like to see in terms of housing. The study will be done by a firm out of Richmond and should be completed in 18 months.

Austin Garber contacted VDOT about notification of paving projects. VDOT will notify the Town within two weeks of the project starting and then town staff will get the word out through social media.

The permit was received for the boat launch and the maintenance crew will begin work once the police department remodel is finished.

The new Walgreens is set to open in about a month.

Austin Garber did some research on the covenants for Granny Smith and found a clause that states no more than two unrelated people can occupy a dwelling. Austin gave that information to Greg Turner and told him that would be on the HOA to enforce.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY: Austin Garber has still been in communication with an interested party about the 1.2-acre lot at the entrance of Walmart.

A gentleman from Chicago is interested in developing the property on the North end of Town.

ZONING ACTIVITY:

-132 Granny Smith Dr – Deck

-14764 Woodcreek Lane – Accessory Building

PARKS AND RECREATION: None

FINANCE: A public hearing was held on May 31st with no public comment. Clarence Fox made a motion to adopt the 2022-23 Fiscal Year Budget as presented. Sharon Jones seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Natalie Sherlock-Yes Clarence Fox-Yes

Sharon Jones-Yes

Debbie Jessup-Yes

PERSONNEL: None

PLAINS DISTRICT MEMORIAL MUSEUM: Town Historian Beverly Garber reported on different happenings in Timberville.

OTHER BUSINESS: Sharon Jones asked if the lot had been mowed at the old Mason Motor lot. Chief Dodd stated it had.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Colleen Gray stated she was disappointed that she didn't see the Mayor or Council in the parade. Ms. Gray asked about a noise regulation in Town, in reference to big trucks "jake braking". Chief Dodd responded that it's a safety part of the vehicle so it cannot be regulated.

Paula Bowman stated she loves the sign out front and presumes that the Memorial Day program, by the Ruritan Club, that was held at the community center was on it, but then stated it wasn't. She stated it was a wonderful program. Mayor Delaughter said that people need to let us know what's going on to be able to put it on the sign.

Ms. Bowman asked if there was anywhere in Town that she could take yard waste. Mayor Delaughter stated there was not.

ADJOURNMENT: No further business, the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Melinda Hooke, Clerk

Donald Delaughter, Mayor