

MINUTES OF THE TIMBERVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

July 14th, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Timberville Council was held Thursday July 14th, 2022 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-Absent
Debbie Jessup-Absent Ned Overton-Present

PRESENT: Austin Garber, Town Manager
Melinda Hooke, Clerk/Treasurer
Quinton Callahan, Town Attorney

GUESTS: Mike Gray
Paula Bowman
Butch Bowman

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 Clarence Fox to approve the June Council minutes. The motion carried with all present members voting in favor.

Roll Call Vote:

Ned Overton-Yes Carl Turner-Yes
Sharon Jones-Yes
Clarence Fox-Yes

TREASURER'S REPORT: General Fund	\$76,204.65
Water/Sewer Acct.	\$233,647.99
Loan Balance	\$843,751.43
CAT Financial	\$1,637.50
Money Market Acct.	\$1,198,697.48
ARPA Funds	\$387,647.38

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

Roll Call Vote:

Ned Overton-Yes Carl Turner-Yes
Sharon Jones-Yes
Clarence Fox-Yes

POLICE REPORT: Mayor Delaughter updated Council that \$4400 has been donated for the new K-9 program. The police department has also been working on applying for grants. The police department remodel is underway with the siding being completed next week and sheet rock being put up on the inside.

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. Maintenance Supervisor Chris Coffman ordered a new hose for the sewer jet. The town has owned the sewer jet machine for over 20 years and this is the first time the hose has been replaced.

Today was Austin Garber's first day of training for interpreting data through the Central Shenandoah Planning Commission. He stated he was looking at challenging the census numbers, but based on criteria to challenge, Timberville does not qualify.

Austin gave Council an updated ARPA list with projects, expenditures and potential expenditures. The deadline for the local election in Timberville was last month. The mayor is running unopposed, with Sharon Jones and Sarah Berry running for the three Council vacancies.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY: Walgreens will be closing at their current location on July 20th at 3:00 p.m. They will open at the new location on July 21st. Austin has no update on who has the contract on the old Walgreens building.

ZONING ACTIVITY:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION: Boat launch has been approved and the maintenance crew will start on installing that once the police department remodel is complete. The new bathrooms at the American Legion Park will need an additional 400-amp service. Austin Garber applied for \$50,000 through Rockingham County's Tourism Grant, which would go towards the bathrooms. Austin discussed the bathroom install with Engineer Karl Schaeffer, who suggested pre-cast bathrooms. Rockingham County also installed pre-cast bathrooms at Crossroads Park. Austin suggested having a park committee meeting to discuss what type of bathrooms Council would like. Mayor Delaughter met with Randy Andes, who reached out to the Ruritan Club about helping with community events. Mayor Delaughter spoke with Rob Lankard from the Ruritan Club who said they would have volunteers to help with parking at events. He will have Cecilia Valdez contact them about helping with National Night Out parking. Carl Turner suggested putting benches at different locations throughout the walking trail. Mayor Delaughter stated that was a good idea and Cecilia Valdez could order two like she's ordered in the past.

FINANCE: Treasurer Melinda Hooke has started submitting information to the auditors.

PERSONNEL: None

PLAINS DISTRICT MEMORIAL MUSEUM: Sharon Jones reported there were 92 visitors, 150 volunteer hours and 128 memberships. The current exhibit is Timberville Historic District. Heritage Day will be September 18th from 10 am -2 pm.

Austin Garber received a donation request from the Timberville All-School Reunion being held on August 13th. Sharon Jones asked why they needed money. Paula Bowman stated that the caterer cost a lot and they are trying to keep cost down so the older people can attend. Sharon Jones stated that not all the tax payers in town went to that school. Melinda Hooke stated she was told that there were a lot of expense in postage and envelopes. Carl Turner stated he understands what Sharon Jones is saying but he's seen money leave town and be spent on things that has not been Timberville related. Carl Turner made a motion to donate \$500 and did not receive a second. Carl Turner made a motion to donate \$250. Clarence Fox seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ned Overton-Yes Carl Turner-Yes

Sharon Jones-No

Clarence Fox-Yes

OTHER BUSINESS: Sharon Jones said the people who are on the committee to water plants are doing an excellent job and stated she received a lot of positive comments. Sharon also asked about the site issue at 211 and Lone Pine Drive. Austin Garber stated letters have been sent out.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mike Gray, who lives at 263 South Main Street, stated that he was told that nothing could be done about “jake braking” and he feels like it can. He stated that Virginia State Code 46.2-1156 covers canvas over the load of the truck. Mr. Gray stated that the canvas does not cover the entire load and that jake braking could constitute emission of guilt driving more than 25mph, which allows police to pull them over. He stated that they don’t need a log unless they are 100 miles away from their business or if they don’t plan to return to their business within 12 hours. Mr. Gray asks the question of what time did the driver start and that it was something for the officer to find out. Mayor Delaughter reminded that the officer needs to have probable cause to pull them over and that jake brakes are not a reason. Mr. Gray suggested pulling them over to ask about their inspection sticker, mud flaps or tires. Again, Mayor Delaughter stated he understands what he is saying but probable cause has to be there and they cannot pull them over to see their log because it’s illegal. Mr. Gray wants the town to get involved calling the businesses to let them know their driver is using jake brakes. Mayor Delaughter agrees that they shouldn’t be using them, but you need to have a legal way of addressing it. Sharon Jones stated she has talked to VDOT about the jake brakes and she said there is nothing they can do because it is a safety hazard.

Mr. Gray would like porta johns at the American Legion Park until the bathrooms are built. Mayor Delaughter stated we have them for events when the park is being used. Mr. Gray would like them there all of the time so residents can use them while they are there and that people do not go because there aren’t restrooms. The mayor stated that there isn’t really anything to do there right now. Mr. Gray said you can walk and people take their dogs there. He also suggested a GoFundMe for different items in the park.

ADJOURNMENT: No further business, the meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Melinda Hooke, Clerk

Donald Delaughter, Mayor