

Onley Town Council Minutes of March 7, 2011

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Monthly Meeting of the Onley Town Council held at the Onley Fire & Rescue Building on the 7th day of March, A.D., 2011:

Members Present: Billye D. Custis, Mayor
Billy Chance
Lance Eller
Ned Finney (arrived 6:35pm)
Don Strautz

Staff Present: Walter Marks, OPD Officer- In- Charge
Jamy Salazar, Treasurer
David Engelhart, Zoning Administrator

Absent: Teresa Marshall, Vice – Mayor
Dawn Dize

Call to Order

The Regular Monthly Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Custis at 6:30pm. In the absence of Mr. Finney, an invocation was given by Don Strautz. In the absence of Dawn Dize, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Billy Chance.

Adoption of Agenda

Mayor Custis asked to change several things on the agenda. She asked to remove #5-that was left from last month, #9E should be moved to #4 under 7A on the Police Report and Closed Session and Open Session and Certification need to be removed altogether.

Motion: To adopt the agenda with changes by Don Strautz and seconded by Billy Chance. Vote: Chance-yes; Dize-absent; Eller-yes; Finney-absent; Marshall-absent; Strautz-yes. MOTION PASSED

Consideration of Minutes

Motion: To approve the Minutes of the February 7, 2011 Regular Monthly Council Meeting by Lance Eller and seconded by Don Strautz. Vote: Chance-yes; Dize-absent; Eller-yes; Finney-absent; Marshall-absent; Strautz-yes. MOTION PASSED

Department Reports

Police Report & Schedule

Sergeant Marks asked to make one change to the schedule before it is approved. He stated that he will be working 4-12 on April 21st and take April 22nd as a day off. Mr. Chance asked why there are three officers working on April 4th. Sergeant Marks stated that sometimes two officers have to work the same shift in order for everyone to work their required 32 or 40 hours per week. Mr. Chance asked if there are enough cars. Sergeant Marks stated that there are.

Motion: To approve the April 2011 Police Schedule by Lance Eller and seconded by Don Strautz. Vote: Chance-yes; Dize-absent; Eller-yes; Finney-absent; Marshall-absent; Strautz-yes. MOTION PASSED

The off-duty Glock 27 is still at Jaxon's awaiting sale.

Mr. Eller stated that the speed limit change on Onley Road needs to be requested by the Town and it will need to be done so through the Accomack County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Finney arrived at this time. Council discussed whether it would be beneficial to the Town and residents to pursue making the

change. Mr. Finney asked for Sergeant Marks' opinion. Sergeant Marks stated that he is in favor of the change.

Motion: To contact the Accomack County Board of Supervisors to have the speed limit on Onley Road changed from 25mph to 35mph by Don Strautz and seconded by Ned Finney. Vote: Chance-yes; Dize-absent; Eller-abstain; Finney-yes; Marshall-absent; Strautz-yes. MOTION PASSED

Mayor Custis stated that Sergeant Marks would like to hire another FT police officer. She further stated that since she does have some budget information with her, she can tell Council that an officer making \$30,000 a year costs the Town \$35,034 without health insurance and an officer that makes \$32,500 a year costs the Town \$37,953 without health insurance.

Motion: To advertise for a FT Police Officer with a salary of \$28,000-36,000 DOQ and including benefits by Lance Eller and seconded by Ned Finney. Vote: Chance-yes; Dize-absent; Eller-yes; Finney-yes; Marshall-absent; Strautz-yes. MOTION PASSED

Mayor Custis stated that there was a situation last week with the 2003 Crown Vic. It needed some repairs totaling more than \$500.00 – this presented some issues since this is more than anyone has the authority to spend. Ms. Burge suggested that everyone be reminded of this.

Sergeant Marks would like to attend IBR training in Norfolk on April 12th. It is at no cost to the Town.

Motion: To allow Sergeant Marks to attend the IBR training in Norfolk on April 12th by Lance Eller and seconded by Don Strautz. Vote: Chance-yes; Dize-absent; Eller-yes; Finney-yes; Marshall-absent; Strautz-yes. MOTION PASSED

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Salazar asked to make a change to the purchase journal. The amount of the Turner & Turner invoice should actually be \$763.00 less than what is showing for a total of \$2,783.50. She further explained that they had a computer crash and our account is showing a balance due of \$763.00 but our records indicate that it has been paid. Mayor Custis added that their bookkeeper is out on a medical leave and that they are hoping to resolve this when she returns.

Motion: To pay the Payables by Lance Eller and seconded by Don Strautz. Vote: Chance-yes; Dize-absent; Eller-yes; Finney-yes; Marshall-absent; Strautz-yes. MOTION PASSED

Zoning

Mr. Engelhart stated that Mr. Nicolls was once again found to be not in compliance at the February 25th hearing. The judge gave Mr. Nicolls 6 months to comply or the \$3,000.00 fine will then be enforced. He does feel that we are done with appeals and wished to thank Mayor Custis, Ms. Salazar and especially Ms. Burge for all of their help. He has not heard back from McDonalds but they have made application with the County for the tear-down and re-build.

Attorney's Report

There was no report given since Ms. Burge was not in attendance due to illness.

Old Business

Mayor Custis stated that Bruce Bonniwell, John Dennis and Tammy Hill have all expressed interest in serving on the building committee created to make suggestions to Council for the new building at 25571 E. Main Street. She further stated that she had a phone call from Beauchamp Construction and they would like to give us an estimate for building without any obligation from us. Mr. Engelhart can recommend some builders as well. The building committee will meet March 14, 2011 at 6:30 pm at the Town Office.

There was no Grant Coordinator Report.

The newsletter will go out again in April if anyone has anything they would like to submit.

The website is still in progress. Ms. Salazar stated that Ms. Dryden submitted a list of things that she needs. Ms. Salazar has provided her with everything on the list.

The outdoor message center is up and looks very nice in front of the Town Office. Mr. Strautz thanked Mr. Finney for installing it. Mayor Custis asked Ms. Salazar to place a notice about Neighborhood Watch in there.

Charter Communications was not discussed since Ms. Burge was not in attendance.

New Business

Mayor Custis stated that the Planning Commission needs a couple of members and Jan Siglin's term will expire on March 31st. Ms. Siglin has agreed to serve another term should Council re-appoint her.

Motion: To re-appoint Jan Siglin to the Onley Planning Commission for a term of three years expiring March 31, 2014 by Lance Eller and seconded by Ned Finney. Vote: Chance-yes; Dize-absent; Eller-yes; Finney-yes; Marshall-absent; Strautz-yes. MOTION PASSED

Mayor Custis stated that Officer Jamie Coulbourne needs to have a 6 month evaluation and while Sergeant Marks will handle the Police Department side of it, she would like a member of Council to help her with Council's part. Mr. Eller agreed to meet with Mayor Custis on March 14th to complete the evaluation and then go over it with Officer Coulbourne on March 15th.

Mayor Custis asked Council to think about whether or not they want to have a Spring Clean-Up. Council decided to think about it and discuss it further when they come back for the budget meeting.

Mayor Custis reminded Council that mosquito spraying is just "around the corner" and there is the issue of having a truck to put the sprayer in. Mr. Finney and Mr. Strautz tossed around the idea of purchasing a smaller truck. Mr. Finney stated that he feels the Town needs to sell the dump truck since it is not being used. Mayor Custis stated that the person that previously owned it may want to buy it back. Mr. Strautz will check with the Commissioner of Revenue and determine the value of the dump truck. Mr. Morrison asked why the Town doesn't purchase a small trailer for the sprayer. Mr. Eller stated that the wiring on the sprayer is very fragile and cannot be jarred around. Mayor Custis agreed. Ms. Pepler asked why the dump truck was even purchased. Mayor Custis stated that it was originally meant to be used for Clean-Up but that is not practical. Mr. Eller stated that the expense of the dump truck is not justified. Mr. Chance stated that it is very difficult to use the dump truck for Clean-Up – it makes for a slow process and does not hold very much.

Motion: To research selling the dump truck and speak with the interested party about the price by Ned Finney and seconded by Don Strautz. Vote: Chance-yes; Dize-absent; Eller-yes; Finney-yes; Marshall-absent; Strautz-yes. MOTION PASSED

Mr. Finney stated that he would like to look into purchasing a small truck. He will research some trucks and pricing and come back to Council at the next meeting.

Council agreed to come back on March 24, 2011 at 6:30pm for a budget meeting.

Public Participation

Laura Belle Gordy asked that Council speak up so that everyone can hear what is being said.

Anne Pepler asked where things are with the yellow building on Onley Road. Mayor Custis stated that it is going to be torn down and burned by the Onley Fire Department in several small control burns.

Council Comments

Mr. Chance had no comment.

Mr. Strautz thanked Council for appointing him to Mr. Ferguson's vacated seat.

Mr. Eller thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Mr. Finney welcomed Mr. Strautz back and thanked him for serving the Town again. He further stated that he has heard that the new hospital may be looking at an Accomac location. He feels that if there is a

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Public Hearing on the location- everyone should plan to attend and support the Town of Onley as a location.

Motion: To recess at 7:12pm until March 24, 2011 at 6:30pm by Don Strautz and seconded by Ned Finney. Vote: Chance-yes; Dize-absent; Eller-yes; Finney-yes; Marshall-absent; Strautz-yes. MOTION PASSED

Jamy Salazar, Treasurer

Billye D. Custis, Mayor