

Onley Town Council Minutes of March 9, 2015

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Monthly Meeting of the Onley Town Council held at the VVA Building, 25534 East Main Street, on the 9th day of March, A.D., 2015:

Members Present: Jack Pierson, Mayor
Ned Finney, Vice-Mayor
John Dennis
Dawn Dize
Matt Hart
Susan Rillo
Don Strautz

Staff Present: John Spivey, Chief of Police
Jamy Salazar, Treasurer
Cela Burge, Town Attorney
John Pavlik, Zoning Administrator

Call to Order

Mayor Pierson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Ned Finney and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Don Strautz.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion: To adopt the agenda by Don Strautz and seconded by Susan Rillo.

Roll Call Vote: Dize-yes; Rillo-yes; Finney-yes; Strautz-yes; Hart-yes; Dennis-yes. MOTION PASSED

Consideration of Minutes

Motion: To approve the Minutes of the February 5, 2015 Regular Monthly Meeting by Ned Finney and seconded by Dawn Dize. Roll Call Vote: Dize-yes; Rillo-yes; Finney-yes; Strautz-yes; Hart-yes; Dennis-yes. MOTION PASSED

Motion: To approve the minutes of the February 9, 2015 Recessed Meeting by Ned Finney and seconded by Don Strautz. Roll Call Vote: Dize-yes; Rillo-yes; Finney-yes; Strautz-yes; Hart-yes; Dennis-yes. MOTION PASSED

Department Reports

Police Report & Schedule

Chief Spivey stated that there is nothing new to report. Mr. Strautz asked if he had considered the schedule change to some 24 hour shifts. Chief Spivey stated that he did consider it. Ms. Rillo added that after looking at the police report for last month, she thinks things are going well and would not change anything. Mr. Finney agreed.

Motion: To accept the March & April 2015 schedules by Ned Finney and seconded by Matt Hart. Roll Call Vote: Dize-yes; Rillo-yes; Finney-yes; Strautz-yes; Hart-yes; Dennis-yes. MOTION PASSED

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Salazar asked Council to consider the additional payables when making the motion to pay the monthly bills.

Mr. Finney asked how Mr. Simpson is making out with public works. Ms. Salazar stated that he has not had as much to do this month due to the snow. She added that he has done some snow removal and a few other things. She asked that Council continue to call her with work that they see needs to be done adding that Mr. Simpson wants to make sure he is keeping with the terms of the contract.

Motion: To Pay the February 2015 Payables by Ned Finney and seconded by Matt Hart.

Roll Call Vote: Dize-yes; Rillo-yes; Finney-yes; Strautz-yes; Hart-yes; Dennis-yes. MOTION PASSED

Zoning Administrator's Report

Mr. Pavlik read his report into the minutes. A copy of this report will be attached.

Attorney's Report

Ms. Burge had nothing new to report. She asked to speak on the open burn ordinance when it is reached on the agenda.

Public Works

Ms. Salazar gave most of her report earlier in the night. She added that there has been an issue with Davis Disposal cans disappearing from Rice's trailer park. She asked for Council's thoughts on this matter. Council directed Ms. Salazar to contact Mr. Davis and get his input on this matter.

Old Business

Mr. McArthur from GMB brought with him a civil engineer and a mechanical/electrical engineer. Mr. Finney stated that he thinks we will need some site work and possibly a retention pond. He added that the building will most likely need a new septic system. The civil engineer recommended having a perk test as soon as possible as well as an existing conditions survey. He also recommended a test well. He added that it will take approximately six months to acquire the permits needed to begin work. The mechanical engineer discussed the HVAC system as well as lighting. Mr. Pavlik asked about IT wiring. The engineer stated that we will need to choose an IT service provider to handle those matters. Mr. Finney asked what the next step should be. The civil engineer suggested getting the site perked and having a test well drilled. Council asked that Mr. McArthur arrange for that on our behalf. Mr. McArthur will come back to Council with a line item scope of all of the services they provide.

Mr. Finney stated that he is in favor of doing away with all burning in the town. Mr. Strautz and Mr. Hart disagreed. Mr. Strautz added that he is not in favor of punishing everyone because a few people do not follow the rules. Ms. Burge reminded Council that right now we are covered under Accomack County's ordinance. Council decided to adopt our own ordinance for the town and asked Ms. Burge to draft it for the next meeting.

Motion: To adopt a new Burn Ordinance for the Town of Onley identical to Accomack County's Ordinance with the exception of Section 42-43 Paragraph 1 (this section will be excluded) by Ned Finney and seconded by John Dennis. Roll Call Vote: Dize-yes; Rillo-yes; Finney-yes; Strautz-yes; Hart-yes; Dennis-yes. MOTION PASSED

New Business

Motion: To have the Spring Clean-up beginning April 6, 2015 until April 12, 2015 with pick up to begin on April 13, 2015 by Don Strautz and seconded by Susan Rillo. Roll Call Vote: Dize-yes; Rillo-yes; Finney-yes; Strautz-yes; Hart-yes; Dennis-yes. MOTION PASSED

Ms. Salazar stated that the spring newsletter will be sent out very soon so anyone wishing to put anything in it should contact her.

Council will hold a budget workshop on April 21, 2015 at 6:30 at the VVA building.

Ms. Salazar stated that the VML is having a regional supper at the Island House on April 30, 2015. She provided each Council member with the information and asked that if anyone wishes to attend, they let her know.

Council discussed the pros and cons of having a membership to the ES Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Salazar stated that the cost of the membership is \$242.00 per year and she read some of the benefits of a membership from the member directory.

Motion: To discontinue our membership at the ES Chamber of Commerce by John Dennis and seconded by Matt Hart. Roll Call Vote: Dize-yes; Rillo-yes; Finney-yes; Strautz-yes; Hart-yes; Dennis-yes.
MOTION PASSED

Public Comments

Billye D. Custis stated that the issues at Rice's trailer park go beyond the matter of trash cans.

Council Comments

Ms. Dize thanked the police department and stated that it's wonderful to see such a police presence about town.

Ms. Rillo is happy that things seem to be moving on the new town office. She is hoping it won't take six months to acquire the permits.

Mr. Finney thanked Chief Spivey and added that he likes the new uniforms. He stated that there are still problems with the fire department and he is concerned that no one (even at the County level) seems to be able to help. He agreed with Ms. Rillo that he too was taken aback at the six month permit period.

Mr. Strautz thanked everyone for their help with running the town.

Mr. Hart thanked everyone and added that if everyone works together a lot more can be accomplished.

Mr. Dennis suggested contacting C. Ray Pruitt at the Accomack County Public Safety Department about concerns at the fire department.

Mr. Finney asked that Council consider a donation to the VVA for the use of their building. Ms. Salazar suggested putting it on next month's agenda for discussion. Council agreed.

Adjourn/Recess

Motion: To adjourn at 8:26pm by Ned Finney and seconded by Susan Rillo. Roll Call Vote: Dize-yes; Rillo-yes; Finney-yes; Strautz-yes; Hart-yes; Dennis-yes. MOTION PASSED

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamye Salazar
Clerk/Treasurer

Jack Pierson
Mayor