

Onley Town Council Minutes of April 26, 2018

VIRGINIA: At a Special Meeting/Budget Workshop of the Onley Town Council held at the Onley Baptist Church, 25501 W. Main Street, on the 26th day of April, A.D., 2018:

Council Members Present: Ned Finney, Vice-Mayor
Ted Bliss
Dawn Dize
Matt Hart
Susan Rillo
Woody Zember

Staff Present: Jamye Salazar, Treasurer
John Spivey, Chief of Police, OPD
Melissa Taylor, Clerk

Call to Order

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

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Matt Hart, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Susan Rillo.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion: To adopt the agenda of April 26, 2018, Budget Workshop Meeting by Susan Rillo and seconded by Ted Bliss.

Roll Call Vote: Hart-yes; Rillo-yes; Dize-yes; Bliss-yes; Zember-yes; Finney-yes. MOTION PASSED

Mr. Finney stated that tonight the only item that will be discussed is the proposed budget.

Ms. Rillo wanted to go on the record stating she would like for Sgt. Bennett's salary to be in the mid-range of the salary scale, due to his tenure and his job performance. All Council Members were in favor of this consideration, except Councilman Zember.

2018-2019 Budget Work Session

Ms. Salazar presented Council with an updated draft of the 2018-2019 Budget. Council asked if the Police Department budget included the proposed salary increase for Sgt. Bennett. Ms. Salazar verified the Police Department budget and the suggested increase is in the already budgeted amount. There is a shortage of \$51,723.00 to balance the budget. The shortfall can be transferred from the reserved account. The reserve funds have been placed in the budget in the past, but the funds have never been used, as the revenue normally comes in as predicted and the expenses are usually lower than budgeted.

Additional Items Discussed

Mr. Hart had questions about employee's salaries. Mr. Hart asked if Ms. Salazar was able to research health insurance option for Council Members. Ms. Salazar has spoken to Ms. Kellam, and she will do further research on the possibilities and will have concrete answers by the May 7, 2018 meeting. Mr. Hart asked where on the operating budget does the new building cost appear. Ms. Salazar explained that the new building would have a separate budget and will need to start that budget process in the coming months. Mr. Hart asked how you would budget for the new building if the bids

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come back higher than planned and feels there should be a contingency plan if that were to happen. Ms. Salazar stated that would be a separate budget and that would be a question for the attorney. Ms. Salazar explained to Council and Ms. Custis where the \$8,000.000 donation to the ORA was taken from last year's budget. The donation came out of the Capital Improvement Account was given to them on May 31, 2017. Billye D. Custis wanted to go on record stating, that is why you amend your budget and that taking money from a Capital Account is not the best practice.

Mr. Zember had some concerns about the construction of the new building. Mr. Finney said that at this time the building concerns couldn't be discussed as this is an operating budget meeting. Mr. Finney stated that those concerns could go on the May 7, 2018, monthly Council meeting agenda.

Mr. Zember would like all discussion of the repairs made to the new building be voided, since it should not have happened at the budget meeting.

Ms. Custis voiced concerns about using the reserved funds to balance the budget.

After discussion the consensus was to take \$51,723.00 from the reserve account to make the budget balance. Mr. Hart and Mr. Zember are not in favor of the transfer, as they disagree with the whole budget. Ms. Rillo, Ms. Dize, Mr. Finney, and Mr. Bliss are all in favor of the transfer.

Ms. Salazar will make all changes and will have updated documents at the May 7, 2018 meeting.

Mr. Zember verified that the discussion of the budget meeting is just a workshop and that nothing will be voted on. Ms. Salazar stated that the budget will need to advertised and open for public comments before anything can pass.

Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn at 6:52 pm by Susan Rillo and seconded by Ted Bliss.

Roll Call Vote: Hart-yes; Rillo-yes; Dize-yes; Bliss-yes; Zember-yes; Finney-yes. MOTION PASSED

Respectfully submitted by audio,

Melissa Taylor
Clerk

Henry E. Finney
Vice Mayor