

Onley Town Council Minutes of July 9, 2013

VIRGINIA: At a Recessed Meeting of the Onley Town Council held at the Onley Fire & Rescue Building on the 9th day of July, A.D., 2013:

Members Present: Jack Pierson, Mayor
 Billy Chance
 Dawn Dize
 Ned Finney, Vice-Mayor
 Fred Gardner
 Susan Rillo
 Don Strautz

Staff Present: Walter Marks, OPD Chief of Police
 Jamy Salazar, Treasurer

Call to Order

The Recessed Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Pierson at 6:30pm. The invocation was given by Fred Gardner and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Susan Rillo.

Employee Medical Insurance Renewal

Ms. Salazar presented Council with the Medical Premium Comparison. A copy of this will be attached to the minutes. Mr. Strautz stated that he feels that since the Town is such a small group having only four employees, that a 20% rate increase is not bad. He also did not feel that there was adequate time to debate this increase with Optima or look into other options such as Anthem. He added that he feels this is something that should be addressed in January so the process can be hashed out. Ms. Salazar stated that the rates are not available that soon – the policy renews in August and the rates are normally not available to us until late May or early June. She further stated that last year, she and the former Mayor met with Mike Murphy from Hearne Ballard to try to acquire some better rates but were told that due to the small size of the group the rates would be the same regardless of the provider. In other words, “shopping it” would not be beneficial. Mr. Strautz agreed stating that he has had some experience with this in his position with the County and with only four employees in our group we have very little leverage.

Motion: To continue with the same employee insurance coverage with Optima at a rate increase of 20.19% by Don Strautz and seconded by Ned Finney. Vote: Chance-yes; Dize-yes; Finney-yes; Gardner-yes; Rillo-yes; Strautz-yes. MOTION PASSED

Adjourn/Recess

Motion: To adjourn at 6:38pm by Ned Finney and seconded by Susan Rillo. Vote: Chance-yes; Dize-yes; Finney-yes; Gardner-yes; Rillo-yes; Strautz-absent MOTION PASSED

Jack Pierson, Mayor

Jamy Salazar, Clerk/Treasurer