

Onley Town Council Minutes of August 19, 2014

VIRGINIA: At a Recessed Meeting of the Onley Town Council held at the Onley Fire & Rescue Building, Maple Street, Onley on the 19th day of August, A.D., 2014:

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

Staff Present: Walter Marks, OPD Chief of Police
 Jamy Salazar, Treasurer
 Cela Burge, Town Attorney

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pierson at 6:30pm.

Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Dawn Dize and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by John Dennis.

Discussion of Policy/Ordinances

Chief Marks asked Council to consider making a change in the Police Department Take Home Policy involving the location of the cars while officers are out on leave. As it reads, all patrol cars must be returned to the Town Office if an officer is going to be on leave exceeding 40 hours. Chief Marks would like for the officers to keep their patrol cars at their homes while on leave. Mr. Dennis stated that he wants to make sure that the cars are accessible even at an officer's home should the need for one arise. They should not be locked in garages or blocked by other vehicles and an extra key should always be available. Chief Marks stated that there is always an extra key to every vehicle in the Town Office key box. Mayor Pierson stressed that when the officer is off, the vehicle is off. There is to be no personal business done in the patrol car when officers are off duty. After some discussion of this matter, Council agreed to make this change allowing officers to keep their patrol car at their home. A copy of the policy with edits/changes will be attached to the minutes.

Ordinance No. 004-10 (Ordinance Regulating the Abatement & Removal of Ordinances) was discussed and no changes were made.

Mayor Pierson questioned the amount of notice required before cutting grass that is in violation of Ordinance 004-06 (Ordinance Regulating the Accumulation of Trash, Garbage etc.; Grass, Weeds & Other Foreign Growth) Ms. Burge explained that ordinance has specific language that comes from the State Code and must be adhered to strictly. She added that grass issues are not zoning matters – even though they have been handled by the Zoning Administrator in the past.

Ordinance No. 001-09 (An Ordinance to Regulate Parking in the Town of Onley) was discussed. No changes were made to this ordinance. Mr. Dennis expressed concern about the parking situation at the Onley Methodist Church on Sunday morning. He feels that the current parking situation may impede a fire truck or an ambulance that may need to get through. Mayor Pierson will contact a representative from the church and discuss the situation.

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Mayor Pierson said there have been some questions relating to burning in Town. Ms. Salazar stated that the town is covered under the County Ordinance. Council discussed the requirements for burning under that ordinance. Mayor Pierson asked everyone to be considerate of their neighbors when burning. Ms. Burge pointed out that this ordinance can be enforced or a summons may be issued by our police officers so it is important that our officers understand the ordinance.

Mr. Dennis expressed concern about the condition of the Rohde property located on the corner of Maple Street. Ms. Rillo agreed that it is a problem.

Adjourn/Recess

Motion: To adjourn at 7:15pm by Ned Finney and seconded by John Dennis. Vote: Dennis-yes; Dize-yes; Finney-yes; Hart-yes; Rillo-yes; Strautz-yes MOTION PASSED

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamye Salazar
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at September 3, 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting

Jack Pierson
Mayor