

Onley Town Council Minutes of September 14, 2015

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Monthly Meeting of the Onley Town Council held at the VVA Building, 25534 East Main Street, on the 14th day of September, A.D., 2015:

Members Present: Jack Pierson, Mayor (arrived 7:13pm)  
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**

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

**Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance**

The invocation was given by Don Strautz and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Matt Hart.

**Adoption of Agenda**

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

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

**Resolution of Respect – William Thomas Shaw**

Ms. Burge read a Resolution of Respect in memory of William “Tommy” Shaw into the minutes. A copy of the resolution will be attached to the minutes.

**Consideration of Minutes**

**Motion: To adopt the Minutes of the August 10, 2015 Regular Monthly Meeting by Dawn Dize and seconded by Susan Rillo. Roll Call Vote:** Hart-yes; Rillo-yes; Dize-yes; Dennis-yes; Strautz-yes; Finney-yes. MOTION PASSED

**Department Reports**

**Police Report & Schedule**

Chief Spivey pointed out that since Halloween is on a Saturday, he has scheduled several officers to work from 6-9 pm in addition to the officers working regular shift. He stated that there have been several serious crimes in Onley this past month. He is working closely with the ACSO on these matters. He told Council that two of the five camera systems have been installed. He is also looking into the matter of the new patrol car stating that we should have received it by now. Mr. Strautz asked Mr. Pavlik if businesses in town are restricted to working certain hours. Mr. Pavlik stated that he is not sure but he will look into it.

**Motion: To approve the October 2015 schedule by Don Strautz and seconded by John Dennis. Roll Call Vote:** Hart-yes; Rillo-yes; Dize-yes; Dennis-yes; Strautz-yes; Finney-yes. MOTION PASSED

**Treasurer's Report**

Ms. Salazar stated that the auditors were here on August 13 & 14 and the preliminary report was very good. They did not find any deficiencies and they should be here to give the final report at the October meeting. She asked that Council consider moving some money from the PNC regular checking account since it does not earn interest. She gave an explanation of an item on the deposit detail report. She explained that there was an April 2015 meals tax and late penalty that had not been paid to us at the time they closed. This amount has been moved to the proper fiscal year so that our audit numbers will be correct. Lastly, she gave an overview of the budget.

**Motion: To Pay the August 2015 Payables by Susan Rillo and seconded by Dawn Dize. Roll Call Vote:** Hart-yes; Rillo-yes; Dize-yes; Dennis-yes; Strautz-yes; Finney-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 stated that Accomack County has been very active with collecting delinquent real estate taxes. She had the first one that she has had cause to react to this month involving an Onley resident who is delinquent with the County but not with us. The Town was served with a petition within the Circuit Court for a tax sale of this property. Ms. Burge has prepared a response to this petition that will be filed with the Court. She further added that while this property owner is not currently delinquent, he will owe 2015 taxes, so she wants to protect the Town's interest in this matter.

**Public Works**

Ms. Salazar stated that the person hired to spray for mosquitoes is not working out. For various reasons, he has stated that he cannot continue to spray for us when or where we would like so they mutually agreed that he would stop spraying immediately. She added that since we are so late in the season, she does not see a great rush to find someone for this year but asked that Council start thinking about how to handle this in the spring. Mr. Finney stated that he may know someone who would be willing to help us in the spring.

Mr. Simpson has done some grass cutting, caught up on weed eating, weeded at the town signs, cleaned the blocked curb drains and cleaned grass from the curbs and sidewalks. In the matter of the beautification project, Mr. Simpson has said that it may be too late to put plastic down and salvage the plants that are there. He suggested planting some fall stuff or something to bloom in the spring. Mr. Finney wants him to trim back the crepe myrtles. Mr. Dennis wants the beautification project cleaned up. Ms. Salazar stated that she believes that is what Mr. Simpson recommends. Ms. Siglin stated that she has a lot of cloth that she purchases for her house and she is willing to give some to the town for the spring project. Ms. Dize stated that Mr. Simpson will have to help take care of things over there if Council wishes to pursue this in the spring. She also offered to reimburse the town for the cost of the lost plants and flowers. Council declined and stated that they appreciate all that she tried to do. Ms. Siglin asked about the whereabouts of her 250' hose and reel. Ms. Salazar will look into it.

Mr. Finney stated that he would like to see a camera system set up at the town office. He asked that it be put on next month's agenda.

**Planning Commission Report**

Ms. Siglin stated that she has resigned as Chairman of the Planning Commission and Scott Whitaker has been elected as her replacement. Ms. Siglin will continue to serve as a Commissioner. She stated that at the last meeting they worked on zoning ordinances basically pertaining to 3-D advertising. There was no

ANPDC report. Ms. Burge stated that the LGA is putting together a model ordinance on sign regulations and once it is finished, she will pass it on to the Planning Commission.

### **Old Business**

Ms. Salazar stated that she contacted five companies to acquire quotes for a graded 40'x72' parking lot of crushed concrete. She said that only two companies responded. The first quote was from A.W. Custis Excavation in the amount of \$1,732.50 with an additional \$175.00 for rolling with a vibratory roller. We did not ask for a price to roll the parking lot but Mr. Rouelle suggested it and left it to our discretion. The second quote is from Mears Sand & Gravel in the amount of \$1,750.00. She stated that both companies were provided the exact criteria when making the bids. A copy of all bids will be attached to the minutes. Council agreed to wait until the end of the meeting to make a decision on this matter.

Mayor Pierson stated that Ms. Tapman from the Onley Recreation Association contacted him and she would like to come to next month's meeting and discuss the possibility of a gift from the town. Mr. Finney stated that he would rather buy the pool than give them a gift. Mr. Dennis stated that he has heard the whole pool needs to be replaced and he thinks it will be at a great expense to the town. Mr. Strautz added that the pool was mistakenly drained and it did crack but they were able to repair it, but to what degree he is unsure.

### **New Business**

Ms. Salazar asked that Council consider allowing her to purchase a new computer since hers is not running well at all. She added that the current computer was here when she took over this position seven years ago. She presented Council with a quote of \$799.00 for the Dell Optiplex Tower.

**Motion: To accept the quote for a Dell Optiplex Tower in the amount of \$799.00 to purchase a new computer for the Treasurer by Dawn Dize and seconded by Matt Hart. Roll Call Vote:** Dize-yes; Rillo-yes; Finney-yes; Strautz-yes; Hart-yes; Dennis-yes. MOTION PASSED

Ms. Salazar stated that we received \$1,000.00 in ATL grant money on July 2, 2015 and another \$9,000.00 will be sent to us at the end of the month. She asked that Council consider what to do with this money and added that Chief Davis has contacted her about the status of the money as well. Mr. Finney said he thinks a lot of money has been wasted at the fire company and he does not want to continue to pad their pockets. He is not in favor of giving them the money. Mr. Hart stated that Chief Davis asked him if the town was willing to donate the 2003 Crown Victoria to the fire company. Mr. Strautz suggested that we purchase smoke detectors with the \$1,000.00. Mr. Dennis suggested a smoke and carbon monoxide detector. Council asked Ms. Salazar to check on pricing for the smoke/carbon monoxide detectors.

Mayor Pierson stated that Mr. Pavlik has looked at the plans for the VDACS building and he feels that a lot of work will need to be done to make this building suitable for our needs. He added that there are a lot of load bearing walls that could not be removed.

Mr. Finney stated that there have been some incidents at the town office that have raised some concerns about Ms. Salazar's safety. He would like for Council to consider making some adjustments at the office for her protection. Chief Spivey suggested an internal and external camera system. He further added that a counter would be an added layer of protection allowing time for the office employees to get to a safe location in the building. He also suggested an upgraded telephone system to help with alerting officers to problems at the office. There was considerable discussion on this matter. Mayor Pierson asked Council if there is any interest in erecting a modular building. Mr. Hart stated that he does feel we need new office and meeting place but he is not in favor of spending \$600,000.00. Ms. Rillo agreed. Ms. Dize said that she feels the same well as well. Mr. Dennis agreed and added that he saw a modular home design that he thinks could be made into an office that would suit our needs. Mr. Strautz recommended that everyone take a look at Richard Lewis's modular office in Parksley. Mr. Strautz will look into some costs pertaining to storm water. He will pull the permit and meet with Planning & Zoning

and ask what fees were incurred on that building to give us a cost estimate, should we wish to take that route. Mr. Finney stated that the estimate from Bundick's Well & Pump for a well and septic at a new building is \$42,000.00.

**Motion: To accept the bid from A. W. Custis Excavation in the amount of \$1,732.50 with the additional \$175.00 for rolling by Dawn Dize and seconded by Matt Hart. Roll Call Vote:** Hart-yes; Rillo-yes; Dize-yes; Dennis-yes; Strautz-yes; Finney-yes. MOTION PASSED

#### **Public Comments**

Billye D. Custis stated that she had a noise complaint recently and Officer Long stated that Onley does not have a noise ordinance, and she knows that we do have one. In reference to our ordinances, Chief Spivey asked other than its being a violation of ordinance, where does it leave us in an enforcement capacity. He stated that there is very little in the line of punitive measures in our ordinances. Ms. Burge stated that she would have to look into the specific ordinance or ordinances.

#### **Council Comments**

Mr. Strautz thanked everyone for all that they do.

Mr. Dennis stated that he thinks we had a good meeting and he hopes to make some progress on the building.

Ms. Dize thanked everyone and said she would like to pursue something with the building. She added that if Mr. Simpson doesn't clean up the beautification project, she will do it this week.

Ms. Rillo stated that she was moved by the resolution for Mr. Shaw.

Mr. Hart agreed that the resolution was very nice. He added that he thinks we made progress tonight but we do need to build something larger to meet our needs.

Ms. Salazar asked to speak so that she could thank Billye D. Custis for writing the resolution for Mr. Shaw.

Mr. Finney thanked the employees.

#### **Adjourn/Recess**

**Motion: To adjourn at 8:03pm 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

Respectfully submitted by,

Jamye Salazar  
Treasurer

Jack Pierson  
Mayor