

Onley Town Council Minutes of October 22, 2012

VIRGINIA: At a Recessed Meeting of the Onley Town Council held at the Onley Fire & Rescue Building on the 22nd day of October, A.D., 2012:

Members Present: Billye D. Custis, Mayor
Billy Chance
Dawn Dize
Ned Finney
Fred Gardner
Jack Pierson, Vice-Mayor
Don Strautz

Staff Present: Walter Marks, OPD Chief of Police

Call to Order

The Recessed meeting was called to order by Mayor Custis at 6:00pm. In the absence of Don Strautz who arrived a few minutes later, the invocation was given by Fred Gardner. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Dawn Dize.

Building at 25571 East Main Street-Open Bids for Land Survey

Mayor Custis read a letter from Councilman Finney into the record stating that he would like for Council to form a committee to help with building the new Town Office because he will not be coming to any more meetings about the building. He added that he feels his expertise as a contractor was overlooked so he will no longer take part in any discussions or decisions concerning the new Town Office. A copy of the letter will be attached to the minutes.

Mayor Custis stated that the Town received five bids in response to the RFP for land surveying. She opened each in the order that they were received. She read each proposal into the minutes covering the cost of surveying the land as well as the timeframe to do so. Mr. Strautz arrived at this time. A copy of the proposals will be attached to the minutes. There was much discussion about this topic and whether or not the proposals meant the four corners of the property boundaries would be marked off.

Motion: To have Ms. Salazar call the five bidders and ask if the respective proposals cover the cost of the property boundaries being marked off at the four corners of the property by Don Strautz and seconded by Fred Gardner. Vote: Chance=yes; Dize=yes; Finney-abstain; Gardner=yes; Pierson=yes; Strautz=yes. MOTION PASSED

Mayor Custis polled Council and asked if they wished to stay with the current floor plan for the Town Office or if they wished to give some thought to the new plan. Mr. Chance stated that he agreed with Mr. Finney and would like to consider the new plan. Mr. Finney would like to re-visit the idea of another floor plan. Mr. Strautz disagreed stating that he had made his decision. Mr. Pierson stated that he agreed with Mr. Finney. Mr. Gardner stated that he is not in favor of the new floor plan and thinks the square building is better for the Town and residents. Ms. Dize apologized to Mr. Finney stating that it was not her intent to upset him. She added that she really has very little knowledge of construction and that Mr. Finney's expertise should be considered.

Veterans Celebration

Mayor Custis asked for Council's help with the Veteran's Celebration. She added that there is a dire need for help this year and she feels that all members of Council need to help if possible. Mr. Gardner will take care of getting ice for the drinks and anywhere else needed. Ms. Dize will help with whatever she can – decorating and serving is what she has done in the past. Mr. Chance will be there to do

whatever is needed. Mr. Finney will pick up the sodas being donated by Pepsi and he may be able to pick up the chili from Wendy's – he will get back to her about that tomorrow. He also agreed to allow the Town to use his burner to warm the chili. Mr. Pierson is unsure as to what he can do so he is unable to commit at this time. Mr. Strautz also may have another commitment but will know on November 4th if he is able to help. Mayor Custis said that there is a need for judging the parade and that everyone should consider helping with that or perhaps thinking of someone who can.

Motion: To accept the \$700.00 bid from Shoreline Surveyors as long as the proposal does cover the cost of marking off the four corners of the property by Don Strautz and seconded by Fred Gardner.

Vote: Chance-yes; Dize-yes; Finney-abstain; Gardner-yes; Pierson-yes; Strautz-yes. MOTION PASSED
At this time, Mayor Custis asked if Council would like to consider making changes in the building/floor plan. The general consensus was no.

Adjourn/Recess

Motion: To adjourn at 6:56pm by Don Strautz and seconded by Dawn Dize. Vote: Chance-yes; Dize-yes; Finney-yes; Gardner-yes; Pierson-yes; Strautz-yes. MOTION PASSED

Respectfully submitted from audio,

Jamye Salazar
Treasurer

Jack Pierson, Vice-Mayor