

## Onley Town Council Minutes of December 10, 2012

VIRGINIA: At a Recessed Meeting of the Onley Town Council held at the Onley Fire & Rescue Building on the 10th day of December, A.D., 2012:

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

Staff Present: Walter Marks, OPD Chief of Police  
Jamye 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 Ned Finney. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Jack Pierson.

### Council Vacancy

Mayor Pierson stated that Susan Rillo and Matt Hart have both submitted their names for consideration in filling the Town Council vacancy. A copy of these letters will be attached. Mayor Pierson asked each Council member if they had specific questions for the potential candidates. Ms. Rillo was not in attendance. Matt Hart spoke about his qualifications as well as his ties to the Shore and his desire to serve as a Town Council member. Mr. Chance, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Finney and Ms. Dize had no questions. Mr. Strautz stated that Mr. Hart had answered his questions but he did feel the need to stress the importance of meeting attendance. Mr. Hart agreed that attendance was vital and it would not be an issue for him. Ms. Salazar clarified that when Council goes into Closed Session – no motions shall be made until returning to Open Session. Mayor Pierson asked if there were any other questions or if there were any other suggestions. There were not. Billye D. Custis reminded Council that should they choose Susan Rillo to serve on Council this will leave a vacancy on the Planning Commission. She stated that when she and Mr. Gardner went to the Newly Elected Officials Conference they were told that you can only go into a Closed Session to discuss someone that the Town is considering hiring or firing. Mayor Pierson asked her to clarify her statement. Ms. Custis stated that Council members are appointed – not hired. She spoke with Ms. Burge about this matter and Ms. Burge told her she was unsure about this. Mayor Pierson stated that we have inquired with Ms. Burge about this and she said that it's okay to discuss this matter in a Closed Session. Laura Belle Gordy replied that when the Board of Supervisors makes an appointment, they do it in public. Mr. Finney stated that he no longer wants to have Closed Session – he wants to resolve this issue now.

**Motion: To appoint Susan Rillo to fill the Council Vacancy by Ned Finney and seconded by Fred Gardner. Voice Vote:** Chance-yes; Dize-yes; Finney-yes; Gardner-yes; Strautz-yes. MOTION PASSED  
Mr. Strautz and Ms. Dize thanked Mr. Hart for his interest. Ms. Dize suggested that he run in the next election if he is still interested.

**Motion: To adjourn by Don Strautz.**

Ms. Dize asked to speak first.

**Motion: To send Ms. Rillo a letter notifying her of her appointment to Council by Dawn Dize and seconded by Don Strautz. Vote:** Chance-yes; Dize-yes; Finney-yes; Gardner-yes; Strautz-yes. MOTION PASSED

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Ada Jo Amadeo pointed out that there was already a motion on the floor when Ms. Dize made her motion. Ms. Custis agreed and stated that the minutes should reflect that.

**Motion: Mr. Strautz reiterated his motion to adjourn at 6:41pm and it was seconded by Ned Finney.**

**Vote:** Chance-yes; Dize-yes; Finney-yes; Gardner-yes; Strautz-yes. MOTION PASSED

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John J. Pierson, Mayor

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Jamye Salazar, Treasurer