

Onley Town Council  
Special Meeting  
Minutes of June 11, 2020

Special Meeting of the Onley Town Council held at the Onley Baptist Church, 25501 W. Main Street, on the 11th day of June A.D., 2020:

Council Members Present: Ned Finney, Vice Mayor  
Billye D. Custis  
Claudia Harmon  
Rose Pierson  
Susan Rillo  
Woody Zember  
Absent – Matt Hart, Mayor

Staff Present: Jamye Salazar, Town Manager  
John Spivey, Chief of Police, OPD

**Call to Order** – Vice Mayor Finney called the meeting to order at 5:31pm

**Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance**

The invocation was given by Billye D. Custis and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ned Finney.

**Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion: To adopt the agenda by Rose Pierson and seconded by Susan Rillo**

**Roll Call Vote: Zember-yes; Rillo-yes; Harmon-yes; Pierson-yes; Custis-yes; Finney-yes.**

**MOTION PASSED**

**CARES Act** – Ms. Salazar reported that Mike Mason from Accomack County requested a decision be made by council by June 15 regarding FEMA grants from the Covid Pandemic. Ms. Salazar stated that the council needs to decide if they would like to accept the money from the CARES Act, along with giving at least half back to the county so that businesses in town can also be eligible for the grant money. She noted that this needs to be done through a resolution, but the resolution does not need to be written up by June 15. Council discussed the details with Ms. Salazar on how they would like to proceed.

**Motion: To accept the CARES Act proceeds in the amount of 43934.00 by Susan Rillo and seconded by Woody Zember**

**Roll Call Vote: Zember-yes; Rillo-yes; Harmon-yes; Pierson-yes; Custis-yes; Finney-yes.**

**MOTION PASSED**

**Motion: To direct the attorney to create a resolution to accept the CARES Act proceeds in the amount of \$43,934.00 and the town of Onley will give back to the county in the amount of \$33,934.00 by Billye D. Custis and seconded by Susan Rillo**

**Roll Call Vote: Zember-yes; Rillo-yes; Harmon-yes; Pierson-yes; Custis-yes; Finney-yes.**

**MOTION PASSED**

**VRS Payment from 2007 (\$1,350.00)** - Ms. Salazar reported that Sergeant Bennett noticed that his time for the VRS was shorted two months for his retirement. She noted that VRS did an actuarial report and concluded that the town would owe 1350.00 to make up for the two months lost, which the council would have to approve. Ms. Salazar provided council with evidence of his hire date.

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**Motion: To pay 1350.00 to VRS for George Bennett's retirement fund by Billye D. Custis and seconded by Rose Pierson.**

**Roll Call Vote: Zember-yes; Rillo-yes; Harmon-yes; Pierson-yes; Custis-yes; Finney-yes.  
MOTION PASSED**

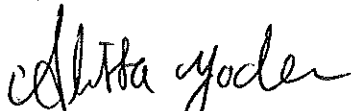
**Black Lives Matter (Statement of Support)** – Chief Spivey updated council with his view as law enforcement on the Black Lives Matter movement, and the sensitivity toward the matter. Chief Spivey discussed with council the history of the Onley Police Department, and noted that he has taken racism very seriously as Chief, noting that the entire police department has been extremely supportive in displaying equal rights under the law and that the movement “is important and needs to be recognized.” Ms. Kellam advised Chief Spivey to receive approval from council as meetings or training arises on the subject. Council discussed the subject with Chief Spivey.

**Adjourn**

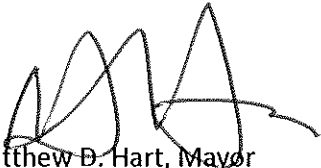
**Motion: To adjourn at 6:07pm by Billye D. Custis and seconded by Rose Pierson**

**Roll Call Vote: Zember-yes; Rillo-yes; Harmon-yes; Pierson-yes; Custis-yes; Finney-yes.  
MOTION PASSED**

Respectfully submitted from audio,



Alissa Yoder, Clerk



Matthew D. Hart, Mayor