

Onley Town Council
Special Meeting/Budget Workshop
Minutes of April 14, 2021

Special Meeting/Budget Workshop of the Onley Town Council held at the Onley Baptist Church, 25501 W. Main Street, on the 14th day of April A.D., 2021:

Council Members Present: Matt Hart, Mayor
 Rose Pierson, Vice-Mayor
 Brian Corbin
 Billye D. Custis
 Bill Ferguson
 Claudia Harmon
 Woody Zember

Staff Present: Carl Bundick, Town Attorney

Call to Order

Mayor Hart called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Brian Corbin and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rose Pierson.

Adoption of Agenda –

Motion: To adopt the agenda as written by Rose Pierson and seconded by Bill Ferguson.

Roll Call Vote: Corbin- yes; Custis-yes; Ferguson- yes; Harmon – yes; Pierson – yes; Zember- yes

MOTION PASSED

Appropriation of Funds for New Town Office Construction – Mr. Bundick noted that the hearing was held on April 5, 2021. Mayor Hart noted that the appropriation of the funds voted on will add to the remaining funds, which will total \$666,847.05. Mr. Bundick stated that he created a draft contract that Mr. Wert will review.

Motion: To appropriate the funds for the new town hall construction in the amount of \$327,392.11 by Rose Pierson and seconded by Bill Ferguson.

Roll Call Vote: Corbin- yes; Custis-yes; Ferguson- yes; Harmon – yes; Pierson – yes; Zember- yes

MOTION PASSED

George N. McMath Park –

Discussion of RFP for Park Maintenance - Mr. Bundick stated that Advantage Lawn Care left some specifics out of their bid, which made it difficult to accept. Mayor Hart recommended hiring someone part time to be responsible for the maintenance. Councilman Zember agreed. Council discussed the option of hiring part time, what the town would provide and responsibilities for this option with Mr. Bundick. Mayor Hart took a roll call with council to inquire if they would like a part time employee or a contractor do perform the duties from the list, except for the mowing. All council members expressed interest in hiring a part time employee, 12-15 hours per week, instead of a contractor. Councilman Ferguson also mentioned that he spoke with the local VDOT office who told him there will be someone to blow the culverts out as soon as possible and then proceed to the ditches. Councilman Corbin also noted that he spoke with the Superintendent at VDOT about the sidewalks, stating that 179 is not owned by VDOT. Council discussed sidewalk repairs in Town.

Motion: To put an ad in the paper and on the website to hire a part-time employee, 12-15 hours per week, to work at the George N. McMath Park by Bill Ferguson and seconded by Rose Pierson.

Roll Call Vote: Corbin- yes; Custis-yes; Ferguson- yes; Harmon – yes; Pierson – yes; Zember- yes

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Discussion of Playground Base and Border – Councilwoman Custis reported that she spoke with Rubberecycle her findings were: 425 bags/8.5 tons of rubber mulch, 4 rolls of filter fabric, 6 feet by 100 feet (staples included) and 176 linear feet of plastic curb total is \$4,675.00 with shipping included. She noted that this is much cheaper than other places that she has checked with. Council checked with Councilwoman Custis about the warranty and other specifics.

Motion: To allocate \$4,675.00 for the purchase of mulch and border of the playground for the park by Bill Ferguson and seconded by Rose Pierson.

Roll Call Vote: Corbin- yes; Custis-yes; Ferguson- yes; Harmon – yes; Pierson – yes; Zember- yes
MOTION PASSED

Discussion of 2021-2022 Budget – Council discussed the budget for 2021-2022 at length. Deborah Bliss also discussed the budget with council, mentioning items that may need to be cut to achieve a balanced budget. Mr. Bundick suggested having a budget committee for balancing the budget. Deborah Bliss offered to be a part of the committee. All of council was asked by Mayor Hart if they would like to be a part of the committee. Councilwoman Harmon and Councilwoman Custis stated that they would be on the committee due to no other council members offering to do so.

Motion: To appoint a Budget Committee consisting of Deborah Bliss, Claudia Harmon and Billye D. Custis by Rose Pierson and seconded by Bill Ferguson.

Roll Call Vote: Corbin- yes; Custis-yes; Ferguson- yes; Harmon – yes; Pierson – yes; Zember- yes
MOTION PASSED

Motion: To adjourn at 7:40pm by Rose Pierson and seconded by Billye D. Custis.

Roll Call Vote: Corbin- yes; Custis-yes; Ferguson- yes; Harmon – yes; Pierson – yes; Zember- yes
MOTION PASSED

Respectfully Submitted via audio recording,

Alissa Yoder, Clerk

Matthew Hart, Mayor