

Onley Town Council  
Special Meeting/Budget Workshop  
DRAFT Minutes of March 14, 2022  
Onley Baptist Church, 25501 W. Main St., Onley VA

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  
Lt. Patrick Coulter, OPD  
Jamy Salazar, Clerk/Treasurer

**Call to Order**

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

**Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance**

The invocation was given by Vice-Mayor Pierson and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Woody Zember.

**Adoption of Agenda**

Vice-Mayor Pierson asked to add Farmers & Merchants building under 6A. on the agenda.

**Motion: To adopt the agenda with the addition by Rose Pierson and seconded by Woody Zember. Roll**

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

**2021-2022 Supplemental Budget Appropriation Amendment**

**Motion: To adopt the 2021-2022 supplemental budget appropriation amendment in the amount of \$52,933.00 by Rose Pierson and seconded by Bill Ferguson. Roll Call Vote:** Corbin- no; Custis-yes; Ferguson- yes; Harmon – yes; Pierson – yes; Zember - yes. MOTION PASSED

**Proposed Draft Zoning Ordinance/Short Term Rentals**

The Planning Commission presented Council with a reviewed zoning ordinance proposing the addition of short-term rental requirements. There was a discussion about this because Mayor Hart feels that short-term rental requirements do not need to be a part of our zoning ordinance. He also feels that the proposed addition to the ordinance does not give anyone a clear path to have a short-term rental. Ms. Salazar asked to make a correction from last week’s meeting – she stated that we have one short-term rental in town – not three. Ms. Custis stated that because Planning Commission has been tasked with researching both matters, it made sense to incorporate the two. Ms. Bliss spoke on behalf of the Planning Commission, stating that she thinks it does belong in the zoning ordinance and it is for the purpose of protecting the citizens of Onley. There was another discussion about whether properties should be re-zoned for the purpose of allowing short-term rentals. Some members felt that it would be better to not allow short-term rentals at all versus having re-zoning requirements.

**Motion: To direct the Planning Commission to re-work the Zoning Ordinance adding a definition of a short-term rental but stating that short-term rentals are not allowed by Woody Zember and seconded**

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

At this time, Mayor Hart relinquished the gavel to Vice-Mayor Pierson.

**F&M Bank Building**

Ted Bliss (Town Office Building Committee) stated that they have researched the building options that were discussed at last week's meeting, and they have selected the F&M Bank building on E. Main Street as the most viable option. They asked for permission and funding to have an inspection of the building.

**Motion: To proceed with an inspection of the F&M Bank and Western Union buildings spending no more than \$1,000.00 by Bill Ferguson and seconded by Claudia Harmon. Roll Call Vote: Corbin- yes; Custis-yes; Ferguson- yes; Harmon – yes; Pierson – did not vote; Zember - yes. MOTION PASSED**

At this time, Vice-Mayor Pierson relinquished the gavel to Mayor Hart.

**2022-2023 Budget Workshop**

Ms. Bliss presented Council with a draft copy of the proposed 2022-2023 budget. She explained that some things like the new patrol car and the sidewalks are not included in this budget. The Budget Committee feels that those items and items like them need to be included in a capital budget. Their recommendation is that the capital budget money would come from the town funds for this year and moving forward we would take 10% of the operating budget for a capital budget. There was a small discussion about various line items. Several members of Council expressed concern about the cost of public works, with one adding that we are supposed to be saving money since terminating the Simpson contract and that's not happening. Council was instructed to review the budget numbers and pick up this discussion at the next meeting.

Mr. Corbin stated that he feels that when Council appoints a committee to research a topic, we trust that they have done their job and not pick apart everything that they report. He added that if we are going to do that, we might as well not have the committees at all. Mr. Zember and Mr. Ferguson agreed.


**Adjourn**

**Motion: To adjourn at 7:12pm 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**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jamie Salazar, Clerk/Treasurer

  
Matthew D. Hart, Mayor