

Onley Town Council
Special Meeting/Budget Workshop
Minutes of March 20, 2023
Onley Town Office, 25308 Lankford Highway, Onley, VA

Council Members Present: Ned Finney, Mayor
 Daniel Bloxom
 Brian Corbin
 Bill Ferguson, Vice-Mayor
 Katelyn Hill
 Rodney Lang

Council Members Absent: Woody Zember

Staff Present: Carl Bundick, Town Attorney
 E. Jesse Long, Chief of Police, OPD
 Jamye Salazar, Interim Town Manager

Call to Order

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

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Hill, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Lang.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion: To adopt the agenda by Bill Ferguson and seconded by Rodney Lang. Roll Call Vote: Bloxom - yes; Corbin- yes; Ferguson- yes; Hill – yes; Lang– yes; Zember - yes. MOTION PASSED

Police Dept. Renovation Bid Change Order

Jim Patterson from JHP Construction was in attendance and answered Council’s question about the change order in the amount of \$10,550.00. They discussed windows, bars for the windows, doors, lighting and electrical. Council agreed to wait on the installation of new windows until the matter of security bars can be further researched. A decision about windows and bars may be made later.

Motion: To accept the change order excluding the windows for a total price change of \$4,550.00 by Bill Ferguson and seconded by Rodney Lang. Roll Call Vote: Bloxom -yes; Corbin- yes; Ferguson- yes; Hill – yes; Lang– yes; Zember - yes. MOTION PASSED

Ms. Salazar reported that Mr. Patterson requires a 50% payment up front to start the project so she will get him a check later this week. There were no objections.

Council expressed concern about asbestos. They instructed Mr. Bundick to research whether an asbestos inspection is required. Council noted that if asbestos is found, change orders will be required to cover the costs of handling it.

2023-2024 Proposed Budget

Ms. Salazar presented Council with a draft of the 2023-2024 Proposed Budget containing the last fiscal year’s budget numbers, the current fiscal year’s numbers, and a column for proposed numbers for the upcoming year. She and Council reviewed each line item and applied their proposed figures. Ms. Salazar explained that this is a working document which means that once all the proposed figures are entered,

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Council will come back in April to start the process of adjusting the figures to balance the budget. Copies are available upon request.

Chief Long asked Council to consider adding a fifth officer when completing the budget for the police department. Council agreed to use proposed numbers to get an idea of the costs associated with adding a fifth officer, but they did make a final decision about this matter.

Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn (8:30pm) by Kate Hill and seconded by Daniel Bloxom. Roll Call Vote: Bloxom -yes; Corbin- yes; Ferguson- yes; Hill – yes; Lang– yes; Zember - yes. MOTION PASSED

Respectfully submitted,



Jamye Salazar, Clerk/Treasurer



Henry E. Finney, Mayor