

VIRGINIA: Public Hearing for Proposed 2015-2016 Budget & Regular Monthly Meeting at VVA Building on the 8th day of June, A.D., 2014:

Members Present: Jack Pierson, Mayor
Ned Finney, Vice-Mayor
John Dennis
Dawn Dize
Matt Hart
Susan Rillo
Don Strautz

Staff Present: John Spivey, Chief of Police
Joel Parks, Clerk
Cela Burge, Town Attorney
John Pavlik, Zoning Administrator

Public Hearing for Proposed 2015-2016 Budget

Call to Order

Mayor Pierson called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30pm.

Rules for Public Hearings

Ms. Burge read the Rules for Public Hearings.

Presentation of Proposed 2015-2016 Budget

Joel Parks read the proposed 2015-2016 budget into the minutes noting that there was no increase in any taxes or fees. A copy of the budget will be attached to the minutes.

Public Comments Regarding Budget

Billye D. Custis encouraged Council to put some money in the employee bonus line items for all of the employees – not just the police department.

Jan Siglin stated that SPOTS did not ask for a donation this time since they were lead to believe that the Town would not be donating any more money to them. She then stated that they are considering another project that would benefit the town and asked that the Council consider putting some money in the budget for irrigation and trenching at the train station. Mr. Finney suggested that they contact Eastern Shore Trenchers and ask if they would donate.

Adjourn Public Hearing

Mayor Pierson adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:39pm.

Regular Monthly Meeting

Call to Order

Mayor Pierson called to order the Regular Monthly Meeting at 6:40 pm.

Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Dawn Dize and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Matt Hart.

Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Dize asked to add 6(G) Beautification Committee under Department Reports.

Motion: To adopt the agenda with the addition by Don Strautz and seconded by Matt Hart.

Roll Call Vote: Dennis-yes; Hart-yes; Strautz-yes; Finney-yes; Rillo-yes; Dize-yes. MOTION PASSED

Consideration of Minutes

Motion: To approve the Minutes of the May 4, 2015 Special Meeting with OVFD Board of Directors by Ned Finney and seconded by Susan Rillo. Roll Call Vote: Dennis-yes; Hart-yes; Strautz-yes; Finney-yes; Rillo-yes; Dize-yes. MOTION PASSED

Motion: To approve the Minutes of the May 11, 2015 Regular Monthly Meeting by Ned Finney and seconded by Dawn Dize. Roll Call Vote: Dennis-yes; Hart-yes; Strautz-yes; Finney-yes; Rillo-yes; Dize-yes. MOTION PASSED

Department Reports

Police Report & Schedule

Chief Spivey stated that as of 8:00 am today, Officer Spencer Rose has resigned. He asked for Council's permission to run an ad to fill the newly vacant position.

Chief Spivey stated that Officer Addison has contacted three businesses to acquire estimates for the repair of the 2009 Charger and only ES Auto Body responded. He stated that ES Auto Body gave an estimate of \$2,004.00 and Shore Tire & Auto came in at \$1,300.00.

Motion: To accept the July 2015 schedule by Ned Finney and seconded by Susan Rillo. Roll Call Vote: Dennis-yes; Hart-yes; Strautz-yes; Finney-yes; Rillo-yes; Dize-yes. MOTION PASSED

Motion: To accept the \$1,300.00 estimate from Shore Tire & Auto to repair the 2009 Charger by Ned Finney and seconded by Susan Rillo. Roll Call Vote: Dennis-yes; Hart-yes; Strautz-yes; Finney-yes; Rillo-yes; Dize-yes. MOTION PASSED

Motion: To accept the resignation of Officer Spencer Rose by Ned Finney and seconded by Don Strautz. Roll Call Vote: Dennis-yes; Hart-yes; Strautz-yes; Finney-yes; Rillo-yes; Dize-yes. MOTION PASSED

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Ms. Salazar, Ms. Parks gave the Treasurer's Report. She gave an overview of the budget.

Motion: To pay the May 2015 Payables by Ned Finney and seconded by Dawn Dize.

Roll Call Vote: Dennis-yes; Hart-yes; Strautz-yes; Finney-yes; Rillo-yes; Dize-yes. MOTION PASSED

Zoning Administrator's Report

Mr. Pavlik read his report into the minutes. A copy of this report will be attached to the minutes. He also read a letter to Council from Mr. David Dean. A copy of this letter will be attached.

Attorney's Report

Ms. Burge stated that Mr. Pavlik has forwarded her some information on the Flood Plain Ordinance. She stated that Onley has never mapped flood prone areas but that Council can do that and in turn pass an ordinance as to how you will allow people to build on those areas. She stated that should Council decide

to take that action, the town can actually gain permittance into the NFIP. In reference to a topic that was discussed several months ago, she stated that she has been unable to find any ordinances relating to trailers in the Town. She gave a chart to Ms. Parks identifying sidewalk right-of-ways within the town.

Public Works Report

Ms. Parks said that the grass is being cut weekly, the sidewalks have been sprayed and grass removal has started. The limbs that were removed from over the garage by Mr. Dennis have been hauled away. The crepe myrtle project has been completed and they have started working with Ms. Dize on the beautification project. There was some discussion as to whether or not Mr. Simpson or Mr. Shaw should be spraying the sidewalks and several other areas in town.

Planning Commission Report

Mr. Strautz stated that there is a need for an accurate zoning map for the town. He has contacted the Town of Chincoteague and they provided him with the name of a company that helped them take care of this matter for their town. He will be giving the company name and information to Mr. Pavlik so that he can acquire further information from them.

Ms. Siglin stated that Bruce Penland has contacted SPOTS with a desire to set up a farmer's market at the SPOTS location. SPOTS is currently working on a contract with Mr. Penland that covers fees, sanitation requirements, cleaning etc. She asked for suggestions about fees. She suggested the possibility of an artisan's market as well. She expressed the need for the availability of water and electricity at the site. Ms. Burge stated that the Council has entered into a property lease with SPOTS so it would not be appropriate for the Council to tell SPOTS how to run things; it is up to SPOTS to work out the details of this endeavor. Ms. Burge also questioned how this matter ties into the Planning Commission. Ms. Siglin stated that Mr. Penland spoke about this matter at the last Planning Commission meeting. Niall Finnegan suggested that the town may want to help with the cost of the water and electric since it will be beneficial to the town. He will get back with Council with more concrete figures for the project.

Beautification Committee Report

Ms. Dize stated that the beautification project has mostly been completed. She stated that she has met with Mr. Simpson several times and he has been a great help. She added that Ms. Salazar has also been instrumental in making things happen. She stated that there was an additional cost for soil and mulch that she has paid for herself but she would like to be reimbursed out of next year's budget. Council agreed to go ahead and reimburse Ms. Dize for any money that she has spent.

Old Business

Mr. Finney stated that he is waiting to hear from Bundick about the site work at the new town office location. Mayor Pierson stated that he was very much for this building in the beginning but he has seen and heard many things that have changed his mind. He is not in favor of spending upwards of \$700,000.00. He added that he does not feel that the Council itself has the know-how or the time to bring the building to fruition. He is worried that no progress has been made for months or even years- just talking is not accomplishing anything. He asked that Council pause for a minute and not make any more decisions to move forward until some serious concerns have been addressed. Mr. Dennis stated that he cannot go along with spending the kind of money that the current proposed building is going to cost. He worries that down the road there may be a need for money that the town may not have if we spend the kind of money that is being proposed. Mr. Hart suggested the possibility of buying a building in town and doing a renovation. Mr. Strautz stated that he feels the town is not ready for the true and

final cost of a building. He added that he is happy to continue meeting at the VVA building. Ms. Rillo stated that she feels we should have worked backwards - there can't be free spending. Ms. Dize is not in favor of spending even \$500,000.00. She stated that we should have looked into purchasing the agriculture building. Mayor Pierson would like to have a meeting to discuss the building. Ms. Dize stated that we have had plenty of meetings and nothing is accomplished.

Motion: To not move forward with the building and continue meeting at the VVA Building by Ned Finney and seconded by Don Strautz. Roll Call Vote: Dennis=yes; Hart=no; Strautz=yes; Finney=yes; Rillo=no; Dize=yes. MOTION PASSED

Mayor Pierson asked that Council make a decision about the ATL grant.

Motion: To give the ATL grant to the OVFD by Susan Rillo and seconded by Ned Finney. Mayor Pierson asked for discussion. Mr. Dennis asked Chief Davis if the OVFD has contacted Nassawadox about moving equipment there. Chief Davis said that they have not. Mr. Finney asked if they have contacted Belle Haven. Chief Davis stated that they have talked about moving the ambulance. Mr. Finney asked how that would work. Chief Davis asked if his response will be included in the public minutes. Ms. Burge stated that it will. Chief Davis stated that he will talk to Council as long as it's not included in the public minutes. Ms. Burge replied that there is no conversation on that topic that wouldn't be in a public setting. There was some discussion about the amount of the grant. Mayor Pierson stated that it was \$8,000.00.

At this time, a vote was taken on the above motion. Roll Call Vote: Dennis=no; Hart=yes; Strautz=no; Finney=yes; Rillo=yes; Dize=yes. MOTION PASSED

Ms. Burge opened the bids for the Public Works contract. The first bid was from Advantage Lawn Care in the amount of \$2,960.00 per month. The second bid was from Simpson's Lawn Care LLC in the amount of \$1,500.00 per month. A copy of both bids will be attached.

Motion: To accept the bid from Simpson's Lawn Care LLC by Ned Finney and seconded by John Dennis. Roll Call Vote: Dennis=yes; Hart=yes; Strautz=yes; Finney=yes; Rillo=yes; Dize=yes. MOTION PASSED

Ms. Burge opened the bid for the 2014-2015 Audit. The only bid was from Robinson Farmer Cox Associates in the amount of \$7,500.00.

Motion: To accept the bid from Robinson Farmer Cox by Don Strautz and seconded by Dawn Dize. Roll Call Vote: Dennis=yes; Hart=yes; Strautz=yes; Finney=yes; Rillo=yes; Dize=yes. MOTION PASSED

New Business

Cherie Tapman spoke on behalf of the Onley Recreation Association. She stated that the association is in financial straits and would like the Onley Town Council to consider the possibility of buying it. She spoke briefly about the Association and stated that the mortgage is currently at about \$121,800.00. There is a credit card with a \$5,000.00 limit and 85 stockholders who would need to be bought out.

Mr. Dennis suggested that Mr. Pavlik use the Public Works truck in the course of performing his zoning duties to save on mileage reimbursement. Mayor Pierson stated he is not in favor of this.

Motion: To drop the matter of having the Zoning Administrator use the Public Works truck by John Dennis and seconded by Matt Hart. Ms. Burge stated that no motion was needed for this matter. Council unanimously agreed.

Motion: To re-appoint Wayne Byrum to the Planning Commission by Susan Rillo and seconded by Dawn Dize. Roll Call Vote: Dennis=yes; Hart=yes; Strautz=yes; Finney=yes; Rillo=yes; Dize=yes. MOTION PASSED

Council will come back on June 18, 2015 to adopt the 2015-2016 budget at the town office.

Ms. Parks presented Council with a recommendation from Ms. Salazar that Council accept the renewal of the current Anthem health insurance coverage with a 2% increase.

Motion: To accept the Anthem renewal with a 2% increase by Don Strautz and seconded by Dawn Dize. Roll Call Vote: Dennis=yes; Hart=yes; Strautz=yes; Finney=yes; Rillo=yes; Dize=yes. MOTION PASSED

Ms. Parks stated that there is a \$1,059.00 litter grant that needs to be spent before June 30th. She presented Council with Ms. Salazar's recommendation to purchase trash bags in the amount of \$1,076.02 since we are running very low.

Motion: To purchase trash bags with the litter grant per Ms. Salazar's request by Dawn Dize and seconded by Ned Finney. Roll Call Vote: Dennis-yes; Hart-yes; Strautz-yes; Finney-yes; Rillo-yes; Dize-yes. MOTION PASSED

Public Participation

Billye D. Custis stated that she agrees with Mayor Pierson's thoughts on the building. She stated that she & Rosebud would be interested in donating a bench in memory of her mother. There is still a pool and a car at the house on Monroe Street. Lastly, she expressed concern about the ivy growing on the crepe myrtles.

Chris Davis stated that one of the Council members has stated in a previous meeting that the OVFD does not have a pump test and he would like to clarify that statement. They do have a pump test and spend a lot of money maintaining their equipment. He thanked the Council for passing along the ATL grant money and stated that it will help to pay for protective equipment. He concluded by stating that he hopes the rift between the town and the fire company is over because they plan to be here for a long time. The firehouse is staffed 24 hours a day and always ready to serve the Town of Onley. Ms. Rillo asked if he would be willing to discuss the matter of moving the ambulance to Belle Haven. Chief Davis stated that she is welcome to come to an OVFD meeting but he will not discuss it as a matter of public record. Mr. Finney asked about a burn that took place in Cashville. Chief Davis stated that he will gladly discuss that at a firehouse meeting but not in a public forum.

Council Comments

Mr. Dennis had no comment.

Matt Hart thanked everyone for coming out and stated that he hopes we can proceed with a building or at least a meeting hall.

Mr. Strautz stated that some tough decisions were made tonight and he thanked the employees for a good job.

Mr. Finney thanked the town employees and added that he is very frustrated with the building's progress and that's why he made the decision that he did on that matter.

Ms. Rillo thanked everyone and agreed that some hard decisions have to be made. She feels that tabling the matter of the building was the right move.

Ms. Dize thanked everyone and stated that she feels the meeting was productive.

Closed Session

Motion: To go into Closed Session in accordance with Section 2.1-344-A of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended for the purpose of Paragraph 1: Discussion or Consideration of personnel matters pertaining to the Police Department specifically related to employee's performance by Susan Rillo and seconded by Ned Finney. Roll Call Vote: Dennis-yes; Hart-yes; Strautz-yes; Finney-yes; Rillo-yes; Dize-yes. MOTION PASSED

Open Session & Certification of Closed Session

Motion: To return to Open Session by Ned Finney and seconded by Don Strautz. Roll Call Vote: Dennis-yes; Hart-yes; Strautz-yes; Finney-yes; Rillo-yes; Dize-yes. MOTION PASSED

Onley Town Council Minutes of June 8, 2015

A roll call vote was taken immediately after reconvening in Open Session, at which time each member certified by his/her vote whether only the matters previously disclosed were discussed during Closed Session: Pierson-yes; Dennis-yes; Hart-yes; Strautz-yes; Finney-yes; Rillo-yes; Dize-yes.

Motion: To recess until June 18, 2015 at 6:30pm at the Town Office by Ned Finney and seconded by Dawn Dize. Vote: Chance-yes; Dize-yes; Gardner-yes; Finney-yes; Rillo-yes; Strautz-absent. MOTION PASSED

Respectfully submitted from audio,

Jamye Salazar
Treasurer

Jack Pierson
Mayor