

Onley Town Council Minutes of September 22, 2011

VIRGINIA: At a Recessed Meeting of the Onley Town Council held at the Onley Volunteer Fire & Rescue Building on the 22nd day of September, A.D., 2011:

Members Present: Billye D. Custis, Mayor
Billy Chance
Dawn Dize
Lance Eller
Ned Finney
Don Strautz

Absent: Jack Pierson

Employees Present: Walter Marks, OPD Chief of Police
Jamye Salazar, Treasurer
David Engelhart, Zoning Administrator

Call to Order

The Recessed Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Custis at 6:30pm. The invocation was given by Ned Finney. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Billy Chance. Mayor Custis stated that Ms. Burge called her earlier today and that David Richardson has accepted the offer of \$3,000.00 and will be bringing a check to the office before month end. Also, Mr. Pierson called and asked if anyone, perhaps Mr. Eller, can make arrangements to get his wheelchair in the Fire House for the October meeting. After some discussion, Council decided to try and bring the wheelchair in the back door. Mayor Custis stated that some time ago the back door did not open. Mr. Finney stated that they will get him in somehow.

Adoption of Agenda

Mayor Custis asked to move Adjourn/Recess to #9 on the agenda and make #8 USDA grant for police car.

Motion: To adopt the agenda with changes by Lance Eller and seconded by Ned Finney. Vote: Chance-yes; Dize-yes; Eller-yes; Finney-yes; Pierson-absent; Strautz-yes. MOTION PASSED

CD @ Shore Bank maturing September 2, 2011 in amount of \$53,503.96

After looking at the current rate sheet that Ms. Salazar provided, Mr. Finney stated that he is in favor of moving the balance to the money market account at PNC. Mr. Eller agreed that he is not in favor of tying up the money for such low interest rates.

Motion: To close the maturing CD at Shore Bank and deposit the whole amount into the current PNC money market account by Ned Finney and seconded by Don Strautz. Vote: Chance-yes; Dize-yes; Eller-yes; Finney-yes; Pierson-absent; Strautz-yes. MOTION PASSED

NFIP

Mayor Custis presented Council with a Resolution for the National Flood Insurance Program with Ms. Burge's recommended changes.

Motion: To adopt the Resolution for the National Flood Insurance Program incorporating Ms. Burge's recommended changes by Dawn Dize and seconded by Don Strautz. Vote: Chance-yes; Dize-yes; Eller-yes; Finney-yes; Pierson-absent; Strautz-yes. MOTION PASSED

A copy of the resolution will be attached to the minutes.

Property at 25571 East Main Street

Mr. Finney proposed that the Town be their own contractor and not to proceed with the USDA funding. Mr. Strautz agreed and stated that he took the liberty of putting together some information for Council because he does not want to see the Town saddled with debt. He is also concerned that property values are going down – he feels that it will be a decrease of more than 5%. He doesn't feel that there is enough usage of the Town Office to warrant a commercial building that would create a lot of debt. He does feel that we need to accommodate the Public better than we have in the past. Mr. Finney would like to incorporate a kitchen and showers as well as a community room for the Public to use. He stated that he thinks we can build this building for about \$100.00 per square foot – possibly less. Mr. Engelhart agreed. There was much discussion about what is needed versus what is wanted. There was discussion about how much and what type of parking is needed. Mayor Custis stated that all of this will not be contained to one lot. She asked how this will be handled. It was stated that our attorney will need to make the appropriate adjustments to our deeds when the time comes. Ms. Dize asked if we will still need an architect. It was agreed that we will. Mr. Finney stated that Mark Williams has a friend who is an architect and will be willing to help. Mayor Custis stated that Beauchamp Construction has also offered to put something together for us. There was also much discussion about whether or not to construct a new building or add on to the current one. Mayor Custis stated that there is also the issue of security since Ms. Salazar has had several occasions recently where safety has been an issue. It was decided that Mr. Finney will contact Mark Williams and make arrangements for Council to meet with his friend who is an architect.

USDA Grant/Loan for Police Car

Mayor Custis stated that Peggy Jordon called today. She will be at our office on Wednesday next week. She will have the letter of condition, to be signed at that time. She suggested that Kristie Finney, Chief Marks and Mayor Custis be present and stated that the Town has received the grant in the amount of \$9,960.00 with a loan amount of \$18,500.00. This is a 60 month loan with a rate of 4.25% making the payment \$344.00 per month. There is no penalty for paying off early however, if we do so, it may affect our ability to get money from them in the future. Mayor Custis added that while there is no money for building a new Town Office, there may be money for furnishing it.

Motion: To accept the USDA grant/loan by meeting with Peggy Jordon on September 28, 2011 by Lance Eller and seconded by Ned Finney. Vote: Chance-yes; Dize-yes; Eller-yes; Finney-yes; Pierson-absent; Strautz-yes. MOTION PASSED

Motion: To adjourn at 7:20pm by Don Strautz and seconded by Ned Finney. Vote: Chance-yes; Dize-yes; Eller-yes; Finney-yes; Pierson-absent; Strautz-yes. MOTION PASSED

Jamye Salazar, Treasurer

Billye D. Custis, Mayor