

**Onley Town Council
Special Meeting
Minutes of August 14, 2024
Onley Town Office, 25308 Lankford Highway, Onley, VA**

Council Members Present: Ned Finney, Mayor
Daniel Bloxom
Brian Corbin
Kate Hill
Rodney Lang
Woody Zember

Council Members Absent: Bill Ferguson, Vice-Mayor

Staff Present: Carl Bundick, Town Attorney
E. J. Long, Chief of Police, OPD
Susan Rillo, Town Manager
Jamye Salazar, Clerk/Treasurer

Call to Order

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

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Zember gave the invocation. Mr. Bloxom led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

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

Public Works Garage Bids

Ms. Rillo asked Council to review the two bids received at last week’s meeting. She said that there is an email attached to the JHP Construction bid that may clarify some things. At this time, Ms. Salazar went to make copies of the bids for everyone. Council decided to discuss the weapon purchase while they waited.

Purchase of Weapon for Police Department

Chief Long presented Council with the three bid requests that he issued along with the responses that he received. He noted that two of the companies cannot give him a quote because their distributors do not carry that weapon and that has been properly documented. Mayor Finney asked what the ACSO does when purchasing weapons. Chief Long said they use Town Police Supply and when he (Chief Long) contacted them, he was told they do not carry Brigade Manufacturing inventory. Mayor Finney said there is no state contract on weapons, but GLOCK does have special purchasing for law enforcement agencies. Mayor Finney asked if we should start making the switch to GLOCK. Chief Long said that what we have now is better suited to our needs as a small-town community. He briefly described the downside of using a particular weapon in an area with homes near each other or manufactured homes such as in Rice’s trailer park. Mr. Corbin asked where he plans to get the money for this purchase. Chief Long asked Ms. Salazar to respond. Ms. Salazar said it can come from the equipment expense line item.

Motion: To purchase the 9mm Forged 9” Barrel Cerakote Armor Black SBA3 Tactical Brace 8” Rail Mini Can at a cost of \$1,267.95 by Rodney Lang and seconded by Daniel Bloxom. Roll Call Vote: Bloxom - yes; Corbin- yes; Ferguson- absent; Hill – yes; Lang– yes; Zember - yes. MOTION PASSED

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Mr. Corbin said that he feels this was the proper way to purchase this weapon. Chief Long said it will be done this way from now on, unless the policy changes.

Public Works Garage Bids (cont'd)

Ms. Rillo asked Council to review the bids and noted that Brandon Patterson is in attendance representing JHP Construction. Mr. Bloxom asked if Mr. Pitt had reviewed the bids. Ms. Rillo said that he had, and he finds both acceptable. She also stated that Boss Buildings has moved our timeline for delivery to the end of the year, so that buys us some time. She spoke with Mr. Chamberlain from Beauchamp Construction, and he gave her a completion date in late October. Mr. Patterson from JHP Construction gave a completion date in the middle of September. There was much discussion about the two bids. Mayor Finney expressed concern that Beauchamp and JHP Construction still have not been given the same specifications and requirements, specifically citing the drains and the thickness of the concrete slab. During the discussion, there was also the mention of rebar versus mesh which differs in the two bids. Mr. Bundick agreed and stated that while we have two bids, they are on separate things. Mr. Corbin asked what our bid requested. Ms. Rillo said she requested 5" concrete with floor drains. Mr. Corbin said he doesn't understand why Beauchamp would not bid on what we asked. Mr. Corbin asked if this bid includes plumbing and electrical. Ms. Rillo said only the roughed-in plumbing. We will need to hire an electrician later. Mr. Corbin asked if the contractor will be bonded. Ms. Rillo said she was unsure but did not think so at this time. Ms. Salazar suggested we check state code, as well as our town procurement policy, for bond requirements. Council briefly discussed putting the whole thing out on bid again. Ms. Salazar suggested an addendum for the changes to the current bids to save us from re-bidding the whole project. Mr. Bundick approved of that idea. Council asked that Ms. Rillo contact the contractors and ask for an addendum to the bid containing costs to include the following: 5" concrete pad, center drain, and rebar mixed with fiber. Mr. Lang asked that she express to both bidders the need to only bid on what is asked for – not to make changes.

Motion: To issue an addendum added to the bids from JHP Construction and Beauchamp Construction to include 5" concrete pad with the rebar/fiber added and a center drain by Rodney Lang and seconded by Woody Zember. Roll Call Vote: Bloxom -yes; Corbin- yes; Ferguson- absent; Hill – yes; Lang– yes; Zember - yes. MOTION PASSED

Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn (6:47pm) by Kate Hill and seconded by Rodney Lang. Roll Call Vote: Bloxom -yes; Corbin- yes; Ferguson- absent; Hill – yes; Lang– yes; Zember - yes. MOTION PASSED

Respectfully submitted,


Jamye L. Salazar, Clerk/Treasurer


Henry E. Finney, Mayor