

Town of Onancock
Town Council Special Meeting
November 7, 2018
6:30 p.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call:

Mayor Fosque called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and roll was called. Mayor Fletcher Fosque and Councilmembers Robert Bloxom, Catherine Krause, Joy Marino, Ray Burger, Maphis Oswald and Joshua Bundick were present. All members were present, and a quorum was established.

The Pledge of Allegiance of recited.

Public Business:

- a. Resolution: Grant Approval Allowing the Town to Obtain Financial Assistance from the USDA-Rural Development for a New Police Vehicle: Mr. Kerbin explained that this was the same Resolution that was discussed in the October meeting. USDA-Rural Development requires that it be adopted by a formal vote which was not done in the last meeting.

Councilmember Krause made a motion to approve the Resolution to apply for a USDA grant for the purchase of a new police vehicle. Councilmember Bloxom seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

- b. Discussion of a Special Event Hosted by the Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce – Mr. Robert Marsh, ESVA Chamber of Commerce: Mr. Marsh outlined the ESVA Chamber of Commerce’s proposal for the use of the Onancock Wharf to host a private event. This event would be a large-scale networking opportunity for the members of the ESVA Chamber of Commerce as well as a way to highlight the industries of the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Mr. Marsh explained that there would be 500 tickets available for purchase at \$50.00 apiece. Chamber members would be given first access to purchase tickets and then the Chamber would be able to open ticket sales to non-members. The event will be held on May 10, 2019 which will coincide with the Onancock Business and Civic Associations Second Friday event.

Council discussion centered around: event parking; restrooms; the cost of the event; concern for the event being on public land but not open to the public; road closures; the freshly paved wharf parking lot; event setup and cleanup; and, liability insurance. Council also discussed the need of having a policy in place for rental requests such as this one.

Ms. Ann Nock, Market Street, suggested that the event be focused on highlighting the Chesapeake Bay.

Ms. Terris Kenney, OBCA President, shared that OBCA has been looking to revitalize Second Fridays and they feel that this event helps do just that.

Mr. Janet Fosque, Market Street, expressed some concern over the Town’s liability should something go wrong.

Mrs. Barbara Johnsen, Ames Street, suggested the Town check in with Norfolk, Virginia on how they deal with large crowd events such as this one on public land.

Councilmember Krause suggested that Council vote on the event approval so that Mr. Marsh can get the planning into full swing.

Councilmember Bloxom made a motion to allow the Chamber to proceed with this event subject to mutually acceptable procedures to be developed and also that the Town will proceed to develop a policy around this and future events. Councilmember Bundick seconded the motion. Mayor Fosque called for a hand vote; five members were in favor with one-member abstaining. The motion passed.

Public Comment:

No comments were made.

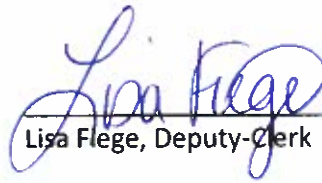
Adjourn:

Councilmember Bloxom made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Oswald seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Fletcher Fosque, Mayor



Lisa Flege, Deputy-Clerk