

Town of Onancock
Town Council Meeting
May 20, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call:

Mayor Fosque called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and roll was called. Mayor Fletcher Fosque and Councilmembers Robert Bloxom, Joy Marino, Catherine Krause, Ray Burger, Maphis Oswald and Matt Spuck were present. All members were present, and a quorum was established.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Consideration and Approval of the Meeting Minutes from the April 22, 2019 Regular Town Council Meeting:

Mayor Fosque asked if there were any corrections, changes or additions to the minutes are submitted.

With none, Councilmember Krause made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilmember Oswald seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Business:

- a. Presentation by Mr. John Peterman, Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital – Mr. Peterman thanked council for allowing him the opportunity to update the community on the hospital. Mr. Peterman highlighted several acknowledgments and milestones the hospital has achieved since its relocation. Recently, Riverside Shore Memorial won a national award for most improved hospital.

Council asked Mr. Peterman several questions about doctor recruitment, medivac transport as well as the hospital's four-star rating.

- b. Adoption of the FY2019-2020 Budget – Town Manager William Kerbin: Mr. Kerbin explained that this is the same budget that was presented at the Budget Public Hearing. Mr. Kerbin asked if anyone had any questions.

With none, Councilmember Bloxom made a motion to adopt the FY 2020 Town of Onancock budget including the approval of all related sewer and water rate increases as presented at the budget hearing dated April 22, 2019. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

- c. Discussion of the Water and Sewer Account for the Historic Onancock School – Town Manager William Kerbin: Mr. Kerbin shared that the Water and Sewer Committee met the previous week and an agreement was reached with the Historic Onancock School, stating that they would pay \$50.00 a month for five years to satisfy the water bill that was the result of a leaking toilet.

Councilmember Bloxom shared that he thought the committee came to a good compromise with the Historic Onancock School.

ADDITIONAL ITEM ADDED AT THE MEETING: Mr. Kerbin explained that Mrs. Mary Burnham, Burnham Guides, has proposed a partnership between the town to advertise on a billboard located on Route 13 in Nelsonia. Other businesses have also signed up to be apart of this partnership, keeping the cost low. The town logo and website would be referenced on the billboard. This one ad would run on this billboard for four-months, one season. Mrs. Burnham stated that this is a trial run to see if the group should continue these efforts and eventually expand them as well.

Council discussion followed.

Councilmember Krause made a motion that the Town of Onancock partner with Bill and Mary Burnham, Mallard's at the Wharf, Inn Courage and the Tangier Ferry to advertise on a billboard on Route 13 north of Nelsonia and appropriate \$138.00 a month for the advertisement for the months of June – September 2019. Councilmember Oswald seconded the motion. With no further discussion, six members approved the motion by voice vote. Councilmember Spuck abstained since his business is one of the partners already signed up for this venture.

Public Comment:

Mr. Glenn Smith, Market Street, expressed his concern over drivers parking in front of fire hydrants. Mr. Smith called the Onancock Police Department on Sunday so that a ticket could be issued but was told that the Police Chief said that all parking ordinances are suspended on Sundays. Mr. Smith stated that there is a Town Code stating that all parking rules are suspended on Sundays but that it should not include being parked in front of hydrants since that is a public safety issue.

Councilmember Oswald shared that those individuals parked in front a hydrant on Sunday should be ticketed.

Ms. Joani Donohoe, Executive Director for the Historic Onancock School, thanked Town Council for the recent resolution to the water and sewer bill that their leak created. Ms. Donohoe also thanked Mr. Kerbin for the town's letter of support for the Love Sign and shared that they have been approved.

Mrs. Kathy Boyd, Market Street, thanked everyone involved with the Home and Gardens Tour. The event was extremely successful, and everyone did a fabulous job with preparations. Mrs. Boyd expressed her concern that all of those efforts will be lost quickly though if the town does not take the time to water of all the new plantings. Mrs. Boyd suggested ongoing awareness of the importance of the town's beauty.

Planning Commission Report:

No meeting.

Waterfront Committee Report:

Councilmember Bloxom shared that the marina is doing well and that group bookings are on the rise. Councilmember Bloxom continued to share that Mr. Craig Tanner (Harbormaster) and Mr. Bill Bagwell have been working together on spill remediation plans and that heavy rain over the weekend showed that there are some areas to repair on the roll up door. The committee has also finalized a lease agreement, is currently exploring a cancellation fee through Dockwa and has decided that the marina hours will be from 8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Personnel Committee Report:

No meeting.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Fosque shared that Representative Elaine Luria will be at the Onancock Town Hall next week. This event has been advertised and is open to the public. Mayor Fosque also shared that the town looked amazing during the Home and Garden Tour as well as the Town Wide Yard Sale and that there should be more events located in town.

Town Manager's Report:

Mr. Kerbin read his report aloud.

- Cellular Tower Progress: A construction schedule has been established for the cellular tower. Construction should begin around May 20, 2019 and be completed around August 1, 2019. This will include wiring, a pad and the tower itself. This is subject to change due to scheduling and weather.
- Wharf Interpretive Panel: The installation of the wharf interpretive panel has been delayed due to the schedule of the individual designing the sign. The panel should be installed sometime in June 2019. This panel will include information on wildlife found in Onancock Creek and Town history. I have discussed the idea of having a ribbon cutting with Shannon Alexander from the Accomack Northampton Planning District Commission once this is installed.
- Rep. Elaine Luria Visit: Rep. Elaine Luria will be here in Onancock on Wednesday May 29 at 11:00 a.m. at Town Hall to visit with the Mayor and Town Council
- Market Street Pedestrian/Bike Path: VDOT has begun conducting tests to determine the feasibility of a bike and pedestrian path on Market Street. This is the road diet concept that Chris Isdell presented to Town Council last year.
- Resurfacing Parking Lot and Streets: Mr. Kerbin met with Aaron Goller from Davis, Bowen and Friedel, our engineering firm, to receive cost estimates for Jackson Street, Queen Street and the Town Hall parking lot.

Financial Report:

Mrs. Fiege presented the April 2019 financial report.

Council Comments:

Councilmember Krause thanked Councilmember Marino for her hard work on the Historic Home and Garden Tour. She also thanked the town staff for all of their efforts as well.

Councilmember Marino expressed her concern over the continued deterioration of Jackson Street.

Councilmember Bloxom shared that the Planning Commission is beginning their work on the town's Comprehensive Plan update. Councilmember Bloxom encouraged those interested parties to attend the coming Planning Commission meetings.

Closed Session, if needed:

Councilmember Boxom made a motion that Town Council convene, a Closed Meeting, for the purposes of holding a discussion, of the personnel, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Town Council went into Closed Session at 8:05 p.m.

Councilmember Bloxom made a motion that Town Council reconvene in an Open Meeting, and that a roll call vote be taken and recorded on this motion so that each member who votes in favor shall, certify compliance with all of the matter identified in Section 2.2-3712(D) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended.

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Bloxom YES/NO

Joy Marino YES/NO

Catherine Krause YES/NO

Ray Burger YES/NO

Maphis Oswald YES/NO

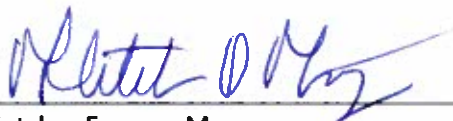
Matt Spuck YES/NO

Town Council reconvened Open Session at 8:37 p.m.

Adjourn:

Councilmember Krause made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Burger seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.



Fletcher Fosque, Mayor



Lisa Fiege, Deputy Clerk