

Town of Onancock

Town Council Meeting

January 26, 2026

6:00 PM

- 1. Call to order and roll call.** – Mayor Fletcher Fosque called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and roll was called. Council members Lisa Fiege, Omar Grubb, Cindy Holdren, Sarah Nock, Ashley Pettit, Ann Quigley, and Mayor Fletcher Fosque were present. Interim Town Manager Bill Porter, Town Clerk Debbie Caton and Deputy Clerk Hannah Ayres were also present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Quigley moved to amend the agenda to add two items for Council Action. The first action is a resolution opposing deep well injection of human and animal waste into the sole source aquifer of Virginia’s Eastern Shore. The second action is to discuss legislation HB804 and HB816 regarding housing density. Councilmember Nock amended the agenda further to add appointment of a new member to Onancock Economic Development Authority (OEDA). Councilmember Fiege seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

3. Consider the meeting minutes:

- a. Special Meeting, December 10, 2025** – Councilmember Fiege moved to approve the meeting minutes. Councilmember Nock seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.
- b. Regular Meeting, December 15, 2025** – Councilmember Fiege moved to approve the meeting minutes. Councilmember Nock seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

4. Public Hearing

- a. None scheduled.**

5. Public Presentation

- a. Onancock Main Street (OMS)** – Maggie Grant, Program Director gave the annual year in review presentation to the Town Council.

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6. Council Discussion –

- a. Sunset Park** – Mayor Fosque asked for a committee to help complete the project. Councilmember Quigley agreed to work on Sunset Park.
- b. Update on Northeast Revitalization Grant** – Mayor Fosque updated that the Northeast Revitalization Grant is still open. There are a few derelict houses that need to be torn down. There are five vacant lots.
- c. B-1 and B-2 requirements for height requirements** - Councilmember Holdren suggested with the Town Council’s approval to ask the Planning Commission to review the ordinance to help achieve a uniform look for the whole town. Councilmember Holdren moved to allow the Planning Commission to review the B1 and B-2 ordinance. Councilmember Nock seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.
- d. Update on the new Town Manager search** - Mayor Fosque stated that the the Berkley Group has started advertising for the position.
- e. Request to access Parker Street Well** – Councilmember Holdren moved to refuse the sale of the property. Councilmember Fiege seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote. Councilmember Holdren moved to deny the request of the right of way. Councilmember Fiege seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

7. Council Action –

- a. Approve Verizon lease** - Councilmember Fiege moved to accept the lease. Councilmember Holdren seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.
- b. Appointment of new interim Town Manager** – Councilmember Fiege moved to appoint Bill Porter as the interim Town Manager. Councilmember Holdren seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.
- c. Appointment of new member to the ODEA** – Councilmember Fiege moved to appoint Councilmember Quigley to the ODEA. Councilmember Nock seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

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- d. **Resolution opposing deep well injection** – Councilmember Quigley moved to forward the signed resolution to the proper agencies. Councilmember Fiege seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.
- e. **Upcoming Legislation on HB804 and HB816** – Councilmember Holdren moved to oppose the two bills. Councilmember Fiege seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote. A resolution will be sent to the General Assembly, VML and the Governor.

8. Committee Reports

- a. **Planning Commission (Cindy Holdren)** – Councilmember Holdren reported the Planning Commission met twice in January. The meeting on January 5, 2026, was a workshop session to receive input from the community.

Additional work sessions were scheduled for:

- January 20, 2026
- February 17, 2026
- March 15, 2026

These work sessions are between regularly scheduled meetings.

- b. **Economic Development Authority** – The ODEA did not meet.

9. Community Reports

- a. **Onancock Main Street (Lisa Fiege)** – Maggie Grant’s presentation will serve as the community report.
- b. **Historic Onancock School (Sarah Nock)** – Councilmember Nock reported Corey Kavulich, Executive Director will give an annual update at the February 2026 meeting. Plans are underway for summer performances at the pavilion.
- c. **Sail 250 (Lisa Fiege/Debbie Caton)** – Councilmember Fiege reported the committee received a VTC grant for \$7,900. The events are still being finalized as marketing strategies are beginning to ramp up.

10. Public Comments

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- Joe Hill – Mr. Hill asked for consideration of an alternate location for the fireworks display scheduled for June 13, 2026.

11. Mayor's Report – Mayor Fosque thanked the Department of Public Works, Chief Eric Williams, Debbie Caton and Hannah Ayres for all the hard work during the Town Manager transition.

12. Town Manager's Report – Interim Town Manager Bill Porter plans to collaborate with the staff and town council to achieve a smooth transition.

a. Financial Report -The full report is a part of the Town Council meeting packet.

b. Police Report – The full report is part of the Town Council meeting packet.

13. Town Councilmember Comments

a. Councilmember Fiege thanked town staff for their hard work during the transition.

b. Councilmember Grubb – no comments.

c. Councilmember Holdren – no comments.

d. Councilmember Nock – Councilmember Nock welcomed Bill Porter as the interim town manager.

e. Councilmember Pettitt – no comments.

f. Councilmember Quigley – Councilmember Quigley thanked the Town Council for the appointment. Councilmember Quigley is committed to doing what is best for the town.

14. Closed Session – None Scheduled

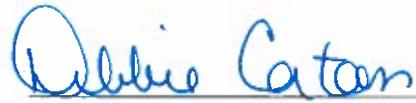
15) Adjourn – Councilmember Fiege moved to adjourn the meeting.

Councilmember Nock seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

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Fletcher Fosque, Mayor



Debbie Caton, Town Clerk