

Town of Onancock
Town Council Meeting
April 27, 2026
6:00PM

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 and Town Clerk Debbie Caton, and Deputy Town Clerk Hannah Ayres were also present.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Consider the meeting minutes:**
 - a. **Regular Meeting, March 23, 2026** - Councilmember Fiege moved to approve the meeting minutes with edits. Councilmember Holdren seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.
4. **Public Hearing**
 - a. **None Scheduled**
5. **Public Presentation**
 - a. **Corey Kavulich – Historic Onancock School (HOS) Annual Report** – Corey Kavulich, Executive Director, gave a presentation on HOS' Executive Summary for 2025. The full presentation is part of the recorded minutes.
 - b. **Chris Carbaugh, Water Extension, Duncan Manor Project** – Mr. Carbaugh representing Atlantic Group and Associates, spoke to the Town Council regarding a request to extend town water services to a housing development outside of town limits. The Town Council would like the application to be reviewed by the Planning Commission.
6. **Council Discussion**
 - a. **FY2027 Proposed Budget** - The Town Council reviewed the third pass of the FY2027 proposed budget. Interim Town Manager Bill Porter was asked to advertise the tax levy at \$.20/\$100 and to advertise the public hearings to notify the public of the upcoming budget hearing and tax levy hearing.

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7. Council Action

- a. **Appointment of Town Manager** – Councilmember Fiege moved to appoint Wesley Wootten as the Town Manager subject to the contract and the negotiations that are undergoing. Councilmember Nock seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.
- b. **Appointment of Economic Development Authority Member** – Councilmember Quigley moved to appoint Scott Schreiber to the Economic Development Authority. Councilmember Fiege seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.
- c. **Task Order – Turlington & Guvernator Engineering, PLC – HVAC installation at HOS** – Councilmember Fiege moved to approve the Task Order. Councilmember Nock seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

8. Committee Reports

- a. **Planning Commission (Cindy Holdren)** – Councilmember Holdren reported the Planning Commission met April 6, 2026, and the discussion included an expansion to the historic district to include the Northeast neighborhood. The Planning Commission also talked about the B1 & B2 zoning ordinance amendments. No decisions were made. The Planning Commission also held a workshop on April 20, 2026, to primarily discuss a base map showing potential infill residential housing areas.
- b. **Economic Development Authority (EDA) – (Ann Quigley)** - Councilmember Quigley reported the EDA has not met since the last report. Because of the new appointments, the EDA has a full complement of seven members.

9. Community Reports

- a. **Onancock Main Street (OMS) (Lisa Fiege)** – Councilmember Fiege reported OMS scheduled a business workshop for Monday, May 4, 2026, at Bizotto’s called “Tourism Trends.” OMS co-hosted a town hall for local businesses along with tool kits to prepare for “Onancock Sails Forward” in June. OMS wrapped up Phase 1 of the Downtown Investment Grant for 2026.

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- b. Historic Onancock School (HOS) (Sarah Nock)** – Councilmember Nock reported the fire restoration process is continuing. The clean up is finished. The construction and painting are to start. The roof repair work has started.
- Annual Blooms and Brushes – Saturday, May 30, 2026.
 - Onancock Sails Forward – Friday, June 12, 2026, Brasswinds Band 6:00 – 9:00 PM.
 - Onancock Sails Forward – Saturday, June 13, 2026, Fil Rhythm Band 6:00 – 8:45 PM.
 - Onancock Sails Forward – Saturday, June 13, 2026, Fireworks display – 9:00 PM.
 - Ice Cream Social – Thursday, July 3, 2026.
- c. OBCA (Dana Simson)** – Ms. Simson, Acting VP, reported a group of OBCA volunteers worked to beautify the Wharf flower beds. The town wide yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2026. OBCA continues to work on updating Northeast Park.
- d. Onancock Sails Forward – (Lisa Fiege)** – Councilmember Fiege reported the marketing billboards are installed. The committee is meeting bi-weekly until the event. Chief Eric Williams and committee are working on location coordination.

10. Town Manager’s Report – Interim Town Manager Bill Porter reported the following updates:

- Mayor Fosque, Interim Town Manager Bill Porter, and Debbie Caton are meeting with HRSD on Wednesday, April 29, 2026. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a plan to move forward to get the collection system and pumpstations turned over to HRSD.
- All the water/sewer meters have been upgraded.
- Mosquito Control – The town needs a plan for the upcoming mosquito season. In the past, a chemical spray was used but it is opposed by some residents. Currently, there is not a staff member qualified to do the spraying. The Virginia Cooperative Extension has developed a draft plan for the town.

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- b. Financial Report** -The full report is a part of the Town Council meeting packet.
- c. Police Report** – No report is available.

11. Public Comments

- **Mark Sinclair** – Mr. Sinclair is concerned that some residents may not comply with the mosquito prevention recommendations. Mr. Sinclair suggested hiring a part-time staff member to manage distribution of public information and to assist the current staff with other areas as needed.
- **Joseph Cuba** – Mr. Cuba is representing the Onley Recreation Association and is hoping to boost membership. He suggested a donation from the town and along with this donation, Onancock residents would receive a discounted membership rate.
- **Tiara Tracy** – Ms. Tracy thanked the Town Council for working towards a mosquito prevention program. She suggested the crosswalks downtown be painted and asked if this was part of the budget.
- **Kasey Grier** – Ms. Grier suggested distribution of literature on mosquito prevention be handed out during the Town Wide Yard Sale.
- **Rosemary Paparo** - Ms. Paparo discussed the article about Eastern Shore ground water. The article stated it is under long-term pressure despite stabilization. The saltwater intrusion was also a topic of the article.
- **Priscilla Hart** – Ms. Hart followed up on the letter submitted by several residents to Town Council requesting a special audit. Her hope is that this can be arranged.
- **Jay Miller** - Mr. Miller referenced the same article mentioned by Ms. Paparo. He has concerns about the application from Chris Carbaugh which asks for an extension of water services to a development outside town limits.
- **Karyn Belknap** – Ms. Belknap has concerns about the ground water issues and suggested a water catchment system movement for

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chicken houses. If this worked, you could expand it to other areas. Her concerns are the ground water is in trouble.

- **Glenn Smith** – Mr. Smith encouraged residents to join the Onley Recreation Association and utilizes the pool. Mr. Smith has been having issues since the new water meter was installed. He asked DPW for assistance to fix the issue.
- **Dana Simson** - Ms. Simson is excited that other options are being considered as opposed to spraying for mosquito control, but the issues of mosquito predators have not been addressed. She thinks this is also important in the plan.

- b. Mayor's Report** – Mayor Fosque and three town council members plan to attend the VML Small Conference Meeting next month. Mayor Fosque stated the audit is starting soon. The auditor will also review the VIP (Virginia Investment Pool) accounts. Councilmember Quigley presented the plan to complete Sunset Park with benches and bollards.

Councilmember Holdren moved to approve the concept plan to complete Sunset Park. Councilmember Nock seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

12. Town Councilmember Comments –

- Councilmember Fiege – Councilmember Fiege thanked town staff and other members of Town Council for the open discussions, and the recent time demands with budget workshops and selection of a new Town Manager.
- Councilmember Grubb – no comments.
- Councilmember Holdren – Councilmember Holdren feels the most important issue Town Council is looking at right now is water issues.
- Councilmember Nock – Councilmember Nock is waiting to hear how Accomack County votes on the new developments and how that will impact water services being extended outside town limits.

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- Councilmember Pettit – Councilmember Pettit acknowledged the residents who spoke regarding issues with the aquifer. He is waiting to see hear how Accomack County votes on the subject.
- Councilmember Quigley - Councilmember Quigley thanked Interim Town Manager Bill Porter for his service.

15) Adjourn – Councilmember Holdren moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Nock seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.



Fletcher Fosque, Mayor



Debbie Caton, Town Clerk