

**Town of Onancock
Town Council Meeting
May 18, 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, Cindy Holdren, Sarah Nock, Ashley Pettit, Ann Quigley, and Mayor Fletcher Fosque were present. Councilmember Omar Grubb was not present. Town Manager Wesley Wootten, Interim Town Manager Bill Porter, Town Clerk Debbie Caton, and Deputy Clerk Hannah Ayres were also present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Fosque scheduled a Special Meeting for Monday, June 8, 2026, at 6:00 PM for two public hearings. Councilmember Fiege announced a “Meet the Manager” reception for Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 5:30 PM.

3. Consider the meeting minutes:

- **Budget Workshop, April 15, 2026** – Councilmember Fiege moved to approve the meeting minutes. Councilmember Nock seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.
- **Town Manager Interviews, April 16, 2026** – Councilmember Fiege moved to approve the meeting minutes. Councilmember Nock seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.
- **Budget Workshop, April 23, 2026** – Councilmember Fiege moved to approve the meeting minutes. Councilmember Nock seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.
- **Regular Meeting, April 27, 2026** – Councilmember Fiege moved to approve the meeting minutes with amendments. Councilmember Nock seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5- vote.

4. Public Hearing

- **None Scheduled**

5. Public Presentation

- **None Scheduled**

Town of Onancock
Town Council Meeting
May 18, 2026
6:00PM

6. Council Discussion

- **FY2027 Proposed Budget** - The Town Council reviewed the fourth pass of the proposed FY2026-2027 budget. Interim Town Manager Bill Porter and Town Clerk Debbie Caton fielded questions from the Town Council members regarding any updates to the proposed budget since the last workshop in April. Town Clerk Debbie Caton will advertise the public hearing for Monday, June 8, 2026.
- **Pedestrian Crosswalks** – Interim Town Manager Bill Porter explained the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is requesting the town’s participation in the town crosswalk pedestrian safety project. The project is through the Transportations Alternative Grant (TAP). Town Council member discussion ensued. Mayor Fosque suggested public input before the Town Council votes on a resolution. This will be an agenda item for the Special Meeting scheduled for June.
- **Omnibus Agreement** – Interim Town Manager Bill Porter explained that in February 2022 the Town Council agreed to convey the ownership of the town’s wastewater collection and conveyance system to Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD). There have been several agreements over the years, but HRSD is requesting the adoption of the Omnibus Agreement included in the Town Council packet. The agreement consolidates and restates all early agreements with the Town.

7. Council Action

- **Omnibus Agreement** – Councilmember Fiege moved to adopt the Omnibus Agreement with HRSD. Councilmember Holdren seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken:
 - Councilmember Fiege – aye
 - Councilmember Holdren – aye
 - Councilmember Nock – aye
 - Councilmember Pettit – aye
 - Councilmember Quigley – aye

The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Town of Onancock
Town Council Meeting
May 18, 2026
6:00PM

- **Adopt Arbor Day Proclamation** – Councilmember Quigley read the Arbor Day Proclamation. Councilmember Fiege moved to adopt the proclamation. Councilmember Holdren seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

8. Committee Reports

- **Waterfront Committee (T. Lee Byrd)** – Mr. Byrd gave updates on the Onancock Marina's off-season rates, in-season activities, and overall operations.
- **Economic Development Authority (Ann Quigley)** – Councilmember Quigley reported they have not met since her last report. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2026. During the Small-Town Conference sponsored by VML, Councilmember Quigley met other EDA directors and plans to follow up for resources and to discuss projects.
- **Planning Commission (Cindy Holdren)** – Councilmember Holdren reported the Commission met Monday, May 4, 2026, and discussed a few chapters that have been written for the comprehensive plan. The application to supply water to the Duncan Manor housing development was also discussed but no decision was made. A work session is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2026, to continue work on the draft plan.

9. Community Reports

- **Onancock Sails Forward – (Lisa Fiege/Debbie Caton)** – Councilmember Fiege reported marketing strategies are still underway. Sponsorship money is coming in from local businesses. The committee is still looking for volunteers. The committee has identified a photographer.
- **Historic Onancock School (HOS) (Sarah Nock)** – Councilmember Nock reported the roof work is complete. The construction portion of fire restoration will begin soon.

Town of Onancock
Town Council Meeting
May 18, 2026
6:00PM

- Annual Blooms and Brushes – Saturday, May 30, 2026.
- Onancock Sails Forward – Friday, June 12, 2026, Brasswind 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.
- **Onancock Main Street (OMS) (Lisa Fiege)** – Councilmember Fiege reported OMS held a Tourism Trends workshop May 4, 2026, at Bizzotto’s for local businesses. OMS was awarded a \$20,000 Marketing and Leveraging program grant from Virginia Tourism Corporation, with the town’s match a total of \$40,000 will be dedicated to tourism and marketing efforts over the upcoming year. The marketing efforts will be used to increase website traffic to the experienceonancock.com website, expanding Onancock’s visibility as a travel destination, and encouraging more oversight visits and visitor spending.
- **OBCA (Dana Simson)** – OBCA welcomed Wes Wootten and thanked Interim Town Manager Bill Porter for his service to the town. OBCA is sponsoring a Market Street clean up ahead of Onancock Sails Forward on Saturday, June 6, 2026. The garden at the wharf continues to be spruced up and maintained by OBCA volunteers. OBCA is looking for volunteers for the Ice Cream Social on Friday, July 3, 2026.

10. Public Comments

- **Rosemary Paparo** – Ms. Paparo thanked the Town Council for the work on the proposed FY2027 budget.
- **Dana Simson** – Ms. Simson asked if a “dead end” sign could be installed on Lilliston Avenue.
- **Jay Miller** – Mr. Miller attended the Accomack County Planning Commission meetings due to Duncan Manor. He gave updates on the meeting.

**Town of Onancock
Town Council Meeting
May 18, 2026
6:00PM**

- **Brenda Smith** – Ms. Smith stated the town of Accomac recently got two painted crosswalks. She suggested speaking to the Mayor of Accomac to learn how these crosswalks were procured.
- **Kasey Grier** – Ms. Grier supports crosswalks. She is concerned that the crosswalks do not extend out far enough to the neighborhood that needs them the most.
- **Priscilla Hart** - Ms. Hart thanked Interim Town Manager Bill Porter for his service. Ms. Hart asked for an update on the petition requesting a targeted audit. Ms. Hart submitted a FOIA request asking for this information. A copy is part of the meeting minutes.
- **Geoff Daking** - Mr. Daking is requesting clarity on the price and scope of work regarding the crosswalks.
- **Jim McGowan** – Mr. McGowan supports crosswalks but suggests the scope be reduced as some locations do not make sense.

11. Mayor's Report – Mayor Fosque stated the information provided from VDOT regarding the crosswalks was distributed to Town Council members and then to the public as soon as the information was received. The cost was not part of the proposed FY2027 budget because it was not available during the budget workshops. Mayor Fosque reported that (3) Town Council members attended the Small-Town Conference held in Chincoteague. Mayor Fosque thanked Interim Town Manager Bill Porter for his service. Mayor Fosque stated a new member was needed for the Water Committee. Councilmember Quigley moved to appoint Councilmember Fiege to the Water Committee. Councilmember Nock seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

12. Town Manager's Report – The full Manager's Report is available in the Town Council Packet, but he gave updates on the following projects:

- **Historic Onancock School** – The bid documents and specifications for a new HVAC system will be available in two weeks.

Town of Onancock
Town Council Meeting
May 18, 2026
6:00PM

- **Northeast Park** – The new equipment was delivered. DPW is working with Javon Smith for proper placement of picnic tables, benches, and trash receptables.
- **Sunset Landing** – The benches are scheduled for delivery by May 22, 2026. Upon arrival, the bollards will be installed. This project should be completed by the Onancock Sails Forward event.
- **Mosquito Control** – A presentation is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 2026, for residents to talk about the options and effective tactics for mosquito control.
- **Financial Report** – A full financial report is part of the Town Council packet.
- **Police Report** – A full report is part of the Town Council packet.

13. Town Councilmember comments –

- **Councilmember Fiege** – Councilmember Fiege welcomed the new Town Manger Wesley Wootten and thanked Interim Town Manager Bill Porter for his service.
- **Councilmember Holdren** – Councilmember Holdren stated she spoke to Chief Eric Williams regarding pedestrian safety as it pertains to the installation of crosswalks. There have not been any significant incidents. Councilmember Holdren thanked Interim Town Manager Bill Porter for his service.
- **Councilmember Nock** – Councilmember Nock thanked the entire Town Staff for all the hard work during the town manager transition. She also welcomed Town Manager Wesley Wootten.
- **Councilmember Pettit** – Councilmember Pettit welcomed Town Manager Wesley Wootten and thanked Interim Town Manager Bill Porter for his service.
- **Councilmember Quigley** – Councilmember Quigley echoed Mayor Fosque’s earlier comments about attending the VML conference. Councilmember Quigley thinks a robust discussion is necessary around crosswalks. Lastly, she thanked Interim Town Manager Bill Porter for his service.

**Town of Onancock
Town Council Meeting
May 18, 2026
6:00PM**

14. Adjourn – Councilmember Fiege moved to adjourn the meeting.
Councilmember Nock seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0
vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.



Fletcher Fosque, Mayor



Debbie Caton, Town Clerk