

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting
March 10, 2020

Council Members: VM Moss, Mayor Paige, CM Tyree, CM Baker, CM Jones, CM Reams

Council Members Absent: CM Harris

Others: Loretta Reams, Clerk (Absent)

Call to Order at 7:09 p.m.

Open the Meeting: The meeting was held at 1030 Main Street, Dillwyn, VA (Town Hall). Invocation was offered by Mayor Paige followed by the Pledge of Allegiance also led by Mayor Paige. Mayor Paige established that a quorum was present.

Minutes: A motion was made by VM Moss to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by CM Reams. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

Donna McRae-Jones: She was supposed to attend the meeting, but had a medical emergency and had to cancel attending. She will give the Habitat update later because there is no new information to offer at this time. Hope Day will be held at Ellis Acres Memorial Park on Camden Street, Dillwyn, VA on April 25, 2020. Relay for Life events will be held at the Central Virginia Health Center in May 2020. The Souvenir Booklet for Memorial Day is still being worked on at this time.

TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT: We are still working on it. LPDA has sent another bill over to the Town for assistance that they have provided. It is anticipated that the project will be put out to bid for the Spring.

HOUSING: Things are going along smoothly. The properties at 73 Hancock Street (Scott), 99 White Street (Booker), 145 White Street (Moore), and 112 Culberth Street (Reams) were put out to bid on February 12, 2020 and the bids were due back to CRC on February 28, 2020. CRC is currently working with the rehab specialist at SERCAP to award the project to the lowest bidder. The Town and CRC are still working with the Ralph Bookers to get the ownership situation resolved.

ZONING FOR RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS

Zoning and Residential:

Ordinances:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

(discussion on items)

NEW BUSINESS: The Beautification Committee has a new member as Ms. Faye Shumaker cannot serve anymore due to work conflict. The new member is Tricia Taylor.

The Website is under construction currently by Duane Cunningham . If you look up the site, it will say "under construction." He works with Ellis Acres and Straight Street Web pages. The Mayor and Clerk Reams met with Mr. Cunningham and his wife on Saturday, March 7, 2020.

New internet connections are coming to Buckingham County. There are some questions as to whether the new service will include the Town of Dillwyn or not. The information is unclear on this subject.

A citizen was approached and asked if the Town would tear down the old Ranson Store building, then he or she would be interested in purchasing the property. A motion was made by VM Moss to neither purchase the Ranson Bros. Store property, nor to tear down the building currently on the property. It was seconded by CM Jones. All others: Aye. The motion passed.

Kelly house: The Kelly house that is located behind Dairy Freeze. The house burned. The citizen had inquired as to what the Town was going to do about the house. Council understands that the Town does not own the property.

John Davis: Mr. Davis has a garage that he is building on his property, and the citizen feels that he will be working on vehicles there. The Mayor asked the citizen if he thought that it was a hobby for Mr. Davis or a business. The citizen feels that Mr. Davis is operating a business and not buying a license. He feels that the Town is losing money. CM Tyree will go and speak with Mr. Davis about the matter. Mr. Davis has several vehicles of his own to work on and that may be all there is to the matter. CM Tyree will investigate and inform Mr. Davis about the proper permits that should have been purchased, etc.

Travis Towns: Mr. Towns lives on Main Street. Mr. Towns was approached by a town resident and was informed that he could not park where he currently was parking. The confrontation became a heated conversation and Mr. Towns called the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Towns was informed that the Sheriff's Office has no jurisdiction over the Town's Ordinances. The Sheriff's Office sent Sergeant Moody over to speak with the Clerk at Town Hall. The Clerk informed CM Tyree of the situation, and he spoke with Sergeant Moody about the matter. Sergeant Moody was again made aware of the fact that the Sheriff's office has no jurisdiction to enforce the Town's ordinances. CM Tyree relieved Sergeant Moody from his obligations and the matter was resolved. There are no signs indicating that there is no parking in the area where Mr. Towns lives. It is the same as parking on Main Street. So, Mr. Towns can park on his property or on the street in front of his house. Council decided to let the matter rest for now and hope that it just stays resolved as it is now.

There is a property in Town that has some debris piled up behind it. The Clerk has been asked by the Council to send a letter to the homeowner to have the debris removed. A motion was made by VM Moss to send a letter to the homeowner regarding the cleanup of the property. The motion was seconded by CM Tyree. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

April Clean up month: CM Reams had no information from any other committee members, and they have not met about the matter. Council decided to table the discussion regarding naming the month of April as Clean Up Month.

C.O.P.S. Grant Application: It has been decided after meeting with members from the County Administration, Buckingham County Sheriff's Office, Dennis Carney, Mayor Paige, and CM Tyree, that the application for the Grant has been terminated. A letter has been sent to Sheriff Kidd to request a

vehicle. No response has come from the sheriff at this time. The decals for the Sheriff's Department needs to be removed but leave the "In God We Trust" on the back of the vehicle. Council will apply next year for the Grant after obtaining a vehicle. The Town should go through the same process to obtain the vehicle that the school system uses. It is a form letter and seems to be the easiest way to get through the process of obtaining transportation. The Town will then be in a better position to prove that they have an operating police department. The Town will apply for the Grant

Joyce Booker: She would like to sell popcorn when the train rides are going on in Town. She would like to set up at the Pocket Park. The purpose is to raise money for the children for school trips and other activities. VM Moss motioned allow Mrs. Booker to set up at the Pocket Park and sell popcorn when the train rides are happening to provide money for the children for trips and other activities. CM Baker seconded the motion. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

Announcements:

COMMITTEES:

Finance – Linda Paige, Karen Sue Moss, Ossie J. Harris, III, James Tyree

Town Buildings/Grounds – James Tyree, Ossie J. Harris, III, Gilbert W. Reams

Planning Commission – Karen Sue Moss, James O'Bryant, Bill Carmines, Dennis Carney, Consultant, Joseph Patterson

Beautification – Gilbert Reams, Sandra Moss, Mark Brown, Tricia Taylor

Ordinance – Linda Paige, Tora Jones, Karen Sue Moss, Dennis Carney

Christmas Parade – Linda Paige, Diane Holman-James, Sarah Walker, Sharon Baker, Gilbert Reams

Community Service Workers – Linda Paige, RW Maxey

Halloween Event – Linda Paige, Sharon Baker, Gilbert W. Reams, James Tyree, Melissa Wallace, Buckingham Chamber of Commerce

Ad Hoc-Housing – Tora Jones, Todd Fortune, Dave Ottinger, Linda V. Paige

Housing Rehab Board – Dave Ottinger, William Fulton, Todd Fortune, Lafonia Thornton, Linda V. Paige, Donna McRae-Jones

Adjournment: A motion was made by VM Moss to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Baker. All others: Aye. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.