

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Public Hearing & Regular Town Council Meeting
August 8, 2023

Council Members: Mayor Paige, CM Reams, VM Moss, CM Baker, CM Harris

Council Members Absent: CM Venable, CM Frank

Others: Clerk Reams, Consultant Dennis Carney, Donna McRae-Jones, James G. O’Bryant, Robert Pinelli, Beverly Hudgins-King, Sandra Moss

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Public Hearing: The Public Hearing was opened at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Pinelli explained his plans regarding the rezoning request for this property as well as remarks from Mr. Carney. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.

The Town of Dillwyn Planning Commission (Karen Moss, Beverly Hudgins-King, James O’Bryant, Dennis W. Carney)

RE: Pinelli: Rezoning property: Request for an amendment to the Town of Dillwyn Comprehensive Plan to show that Tax Map Parcels 1382-1-159B, 1382-1-159C and 1383-1-159D were changed from Light Industrial to Business/Commercial. VM Moss made a motion to amend the Comprehensive Plan for the aforementioned parcels. The motion was seconded by CM Reams. All others: Aye. The motion carried. Following that action, the aforementioned parcels were then unanimously approved to become B-1 Business from their former M-1 Light Industrial designation.

Donna McRae-Jones: There was additional money donated for Relay for Life by Jewel Harris. That donation made the total over \$4,000 in total donations.

The Annual Pig Roast has been scheduled for September 30, 2023. It will begin around 5:00 p.m. There will be a band from South Carolina that plays all types of music and are very good. Food and beverages will be available. There will be beer and other nonalcoholic beverages available.

The tickets for the Duck Derby are available for sale and are \$5.00 each.

Dennis W. Carney, Consultant: SLFRF Funds update: The front door has been installed. The canopy over the basement has been installed. There are a few odds and ends that need to be adjusted and then there will be a good understanding of the amount of the funds remaining.

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

ZONING FOR RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS:

Zoning and Residential:

Ordinances: The status update is the some of that recipients of the letters are working on their issues. Others there have been either no reply or no responses. Some of them refused delivery of the letter altogether.

PARK EVENTS:

GRASS CUTTING:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

(discussion on items)

Town Car: The Council needs to search for another entity that may want to have the car so that they may donate it to them.

National Night Out: The Town and the Sheriff's office will coordinate with each other to hold this event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cleaning Town Hall: Discussion was had about hiring someone to clean Town Hall twice a month. Mr. Bob Pinelli asked why find someone when CM Reams was already doing the cleaning. He asked why not have him continue to do the cleaning for a fee of \$60 a month. A motion was made by C M Baker and was seconded by CM Harris. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

Bug Busters: There have been issues with this business for quite some time. VM Moss made a motion to no longer use their services for the Town. The motion was seconded by CM Baker. All others: Aye. The motion carried. The Clerk will contact Central Virginia Exterminators to schedule service.

Town Charter: Any changes to the Charter need to go through some channels. First a vote by the Town Council. After that, it goes to the Town Attorney followed by the General Assembly. The Bill to change the Town Charter will need a sponsor. Mr. Carney volunteered to be the sponsor. There are several issues that need to be addressed and changed. These issues are the Election Day date, a reduction in Councilmembers from six members to four or five members. Also, the Town Sargeant needs to be removed at this time, but can be added back if needed in the future. The Mayor will form a committee for this task.

There are mats for the front and back doors that have been ordered. They have the Town Logo on them.

Collection of delinquent taxes: The Clerk stated that this task is going well. Several people are responding to the letters and making their tax payments.

The Council would like to find someone to paint the front window for the Town Hall.

Announcements:

COMMITTEES:

Finance – Linda Paige, Karen Sue Moss, Ossie J. Harris, III, Janel Venable

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

Planning Commission – Karen Sue Moss, James O’Bryant, Bill Carmines, Joseph Patterson, Beverly Hudgins-King, Dennis W. Carney

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

Ordinance – Linda Paige,

Christmas Parade – Linda Paige, Diane Holman-James, Sarah Walker, Sharon Baker, Rachel Frank

Community Service Workers – Linda Paige, RW Maxey, Janel Venable

Halloween Event – Sharon Baker, Gilbert W. Reams, Melissa Wallace, Buckingham Chamber of Commerce, Adrian Jones, Rachel Frank

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.