

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting**  
**March 12, 2024**

**Council Members:** Mayor Moss, CM Reams, VM Baker, CM S. Moss, CM Pinelli

**Council Members Absent:** CM Shumaker, CM Venable

**Others:** Clerk Reams, Consultant Carney, Donna McRae-Jones, Supervisor Gilliam, James Tyree, Jr., Amy Eubank, Todd Shumaker, Arianna Tyree, Robbie Tyree, Jean Tyree

**Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.**

**Open the Meeting:** The meeting was held at 1030 Main Street, Dillwyn, VA (Town Hall). Mayor Moss established that a quorum was present.

**Minutes:** CM Reams made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 2024 meeting as written. CM Pinelli seconded the motion. All others: Aye.

Resolution for James Tyree, Sr.: Mayor Moss presented the Resolution to the Tyree family. James was a good addition to the Council when he served.

Donna McRae-Jones: Ms. McRae-Jones showed the Council the ads in the Buckingham Guide Book for Relay for Life and Piedmont Habitat for Humanity.

Relay for Life: Pino's "All Day Dining" will be all day on Wednesday, April 17, 2024. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to Relay for Life.

Paint the Town Purple will be celebrated by placing bows at businesses around the town. Around \$3,000 has been raised thus far. Paul Palmore will be the speaker at the event being held the last Saturday in April. That date is April 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at Ellis Acres Memorial Park.

Habitat for Humanity: Habitat has not built a house in about two years. They are scouting places in the County to build.

Gospel Explosion: The Gospel Explosion will be held on April 6, 2024 at the Redwood Center. They will also be featuring the Last Minute Choir. The \$100 donation will be given and accepted in mid-April.

Dennis Carney: VML has a grant available. He asked Council for ideas of things that need fixing, such as sidewalks needing repaired, etc.

Mr. Carney would like to honor the contractor and building inspector at the next meeting. The Clerk and Mr. Carney will prepare the Resolutions and the invites for Mr. Walton and Mr. Ranson. CM S. Moss made a motion to have this scheduled for the upcoming meeting on April 9, 2024.

Economic Development Committee: There will be a meeting on Friday, March 15, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

VDEM: CRC Resolution: CM S. Moss made a motion to sign and adopt the Resolution. The motion was seconded by VM Baker. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

**ZONING FOR RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS:**

**Zoning and Residential:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

(discussion on items)

Amy Eubank: She has been working on gathering the members of the Christmas Parade Committee together for a meeting. She has not been successful to this point. She will extend an invitation to Oliver Anthony to ask him to attend.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Tax Rates increase: The Town will need to raise the tax rate in order to continue to do business for the Town. The last increase of taxes was at least 2014. This discussion will be tabled to the next meeting.

First Bank: The interest rate on the General Fund account will be decreased by 0.5% from the rate of 5.5% currently.

CM S. Moss is still working on holding a May Clean Up Month for the Town of Dillwyn. Supervisor Gilliam advised the Town that Buckingham County would be holding a clean up event for the County the first three Saturdays in April. County will provide the orange bags for litter clean up.

CM S. Moss Inquired about placing a dumpster at a location in Town that could be used strictly for brush and small limbs. She is unsure where to place the dumpster. CM Pinelli advised that a woodchipper would cost \$200. The town’s residents could pay to have the limbs and brush chipped and they could have the wood for mulch.

There is a town citizen that is very upset due to Asplundh cutting down trees and leaving large stumps and pieces of the tree too large to move on the property by order of Dominion Power.

Council would like to hang flags or banners in the Town honoring our veterans.

Town Clock: The Town Clock has stopped working. It needs to be repaired. There are two options. The first is to order parts from eBay and try and fix it that way. The second is to let Verdin come and fix it. The service is \$1,050, and the parts are \$625. CM S. Moss made a motion to try the lesser expensive option. The motion was seconded by VM Baker. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

**Announcements:**

**COMMITTEES:**

**Finance** – Karen Sue Moss, Janel Venable, Sandra F. Moss, Loretta Reams

**Town Buildings/Grounds** – Gilbert W. Reams, Faye Shumaker

**Planning Commission** – James O’Bryant, Joseph Patterson, Beverly Hudgins-King, Dennis W. Carney, Robert L. Pinelli, Ossie J. Harris, III

**Beautification** – Gilbert Reams, Sandra Moss, Mark Brown, Tricia Taylor, Faye Shumaker

**Ordinance** – Karen Sue Frable-Moss, Sharon Baker, Janel Venable

**Christmas Parade** – Diane Holman-James, Sarah Walker, Sharon Baker, Amy Eubank

**Community Service Workers** – RW Maxey, Janel Venable, Karen F. Moss, Loretta Reams

**Halloween Event** – Sharon Baker, Gilbert W. Reams, Melissa Wallace, Buckingham Chamber of Commerce, Adrian Jones, Ruth Lyle

**Economic Development**- Sandra F. Moss, Robert L. Pinelli, Calvin Bachrach

**Adjournment:** CM Reams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. The motion was seconded by VM Baker. All others: Aye. The motion carried.