

## **Regular Town Council Meeting**

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

**Council Members Absent:** None

**Others:** Dennis Carney, Consultant, Amy Eubank, David Ball, Resident, County Supervisor C. Gilliam

**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. Invocation was offered by CM J. Venable followed by the Pledge

of Allegiance.

**Minutes:** CM Reams made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by CM S. Moss. The motion carried unanimously.

**Presentations:** Lauren Pugh of the Commonwealth Regional Council (CRC) gave a brief overview of the role of the services and assistance that her agency could provide the Town. These include grant assistance and management for housing and economic development from various State, Federal and regional agencies and organizations, Comprehensive Plan and map preparation. She indicated a willingness to assist the Town in any way possible and looked forward to the continuation of the good relationship between the Town and the CRC.

Amy Eubank of the Christmas Parade Committee gave a presentation on the upcoming November 30, 2024, Christmas Parade. The staging area was to be at the Christian Academy. She indicated that she had a Santa for the event. It was agreed that she would coordinate a meeting with VM Baker and the other members of the Christmas Parade Committee to work out the details of the Parade and coordinate with Mrs. Reams, the Town Clerk ensuring that VDOT, Buckingham Branch Railroad and the Sheriff's Department were all in place for the event.

David Ball, a Town resident explained that he had just attended the November 12<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting. He explained that the Board had approved the sale of land adjacent to the Christian Academy to the Christian Academy and that the Buckingham County Planning Commission would be considering a request for rezoning that property to permit a religious high school to be built on the property once the request has approved. He indicated that there also was an attempt for a larger blanket rezoning on the remaining portion of the vacant industrial park property. There was a concern that because federal and State funds were utilized for the roads for industrial development that a "down-zoning" might be a problem. The blanket rezoning request was not approved. These matters, although they were in the County are either adjacent to or in close proximity to the Town.

County Supervisor Cameron Gilliam then clarified that he had misgivings about a blanket rezoning of the remaining industrial park and would like to consider the future development of the Industrial Park on a case by case basis. He also indicated that he had no real concerns about the proposed high school.. He also added on an unrelated matter that the Town's Halloween was very successful and added that he hoped the County could assist the Town monetarily next year.

**Staff Report:** Dennis Carney, the Planning Consultant/Zoning Administrator gave a brief report on his October activities. He indicated that there were no new violations for that month. He added that the one remaining violation had to be hand delivered and because of that he had given more time to the potential towing of vehicles.

He then explained that the sidewalks project had been put out for bid. However, neither bidder had understood the scope of the project, and the bid amounts were suspect. Due to the approach of cold weather, it was felt that the project should be

downscaled and rebid in the early part of 2025. In order to satisfy the VRSA grant of \$1,000 towards the project, he suggested that the Council permit the Town to give a \$1,000 down-payment towards the concrete for the project which VRSA would reimburse the Town. He asked Council to consider this request CM Reams moved and was properly seconded by CM Pinelli to approve the course of action that Mr. Carney had requested. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Open House and Santa at Town Hall**

Mayor Frable-Moss stated that she believed that Council had agreed that in conjunction with the Christmas Parade that Town Hall would be open from 12:00 pm -4:00 pm on November 30<sup>th</sup> for the children to visit Santa. CM Reams indicated that his family would decorate Town Hall.

Also, because many townspeople had not seen the work that was performed on Town Hall that an Open House would be held at the same time. Mr. Carney stated that we had before renovation pictures of what Town Hall used to look like and would provide the information about the project to the public. By consensus, Council unanimously agreed to both matters for November 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Request for Musical Event on December 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> at the Pocket Park**

CM Moss stated that she had received a request from Jessica Eldridge from Charlottesville to sing carols at the Pocket Park for December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. After a brief discussion it was agreed that CM Moss should ask them to just consider the 23<sup>rd</sup> because the 24<sup>th</sup> is normally family time and there would not be an audience on that night.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, CM Reams made motion and was properly seconded by CM Pinelli to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously