

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Public Hearing & Regular Town Council Meeting
March 11, 2025

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

Council Members Absent: None

Others: Clerk Reams, Consultant Dennis Carney, David Ball

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: The Minutes were accepted as written.

Dennis Carney: There are several options for grants, but the Tobacco Commission grant is not worth applying. The project would have to be bid out for a consultant. Mr. Carney would have to bid on the project. He cannot just apply and oversee the project.

The payment to Cheney concrete has been paid, and the sidewalk project must go out to be bid before work can begin.

The Town has received new flag poles for the flags that are inside the Council Chamber from Ellis Acres Park and Wilbert Dean.

Mr. Carney has contacted Mr. Ortiz. Mr. Ortiz is working on improving the property. He is working with careful diligence to ensure everyone's safety.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Taxes: VM Baker says that tax rates need to be increased. CM Reams says that the tax rates need to be raised a significant amount. CM Pinelli says to give senior citizens a break and waive their tax payments. CM Shumaker says to raise it more than \$0.10 per 100. CM S. Moss says that the Council is going about this matter all wrong. CM Venable asks what is the purpose for raising taxes? Is it just to raise them or is there an actual purpose? CM Shumaker made a motion to raise the tax rates as follows:

Raise the Personal Property rate from \$0.28 to \$0.35, and the Real Property rate raised from \$0.0465 to \$0.12 per 100.

The motion was seconded by CM Reams. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Spring Fling: CM Pinelli will cook. The time will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The venue will be decided in the next meeting. Ellis Acres is set up with a place for children to play. The Pocket Park is fine, but the parking is an issue. Reid's parking lot could be a good place for the event. There will be a decision at the April 2025 Town Council Meeting. Mr. Carney suggested that the Council form a small committee for

this event. The committee will report in April and the event will be held in May. The Council suggested either Donna or Amy could be one of the members.

CM S. Moss and CM Shumaker will form the committee and ask Donna and Amy to participate in the committee.

Office flooring: The Council would like to hold Mr. Walton accountable for the floor breaking up in the Clerk's office. Mr. Walton will be contacted to see when he can come for a look at the floor. The Council would like to be present at that meeting. The Clerk will email the Council concerning the day and time of the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION: 2.2-3711(1) Personnel. CM Shumaker made a motion to go into Closed Session. The motion was seconded by CM S. Moss. All others: Aye.

The closed session began at 7:45 p.m. The Council came out of Closed Session at 8:10 p.m.

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: The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.