

JOINT PUBLIC HEARING AND
ONANCOCK TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 24, 2008
6:30 P.M.

TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Travis Bradley
Kris LaMontagne
Fletcher Fosque

Kathyanne Runniger
George Miles
ABSENT: Maphis Oswald

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ben Kidd
Ridgway Dunton
Shirley Zamora

Buck Walters
Bill Bagwell

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bruce Paone, Mayor
Sandy Manter, Interim Twn. Mgr.
David Rowan, Town Atty.
Bob Runniger
Dean & Jani Savannah
Janet Rochester
Alan Silverman
Gary Cochran
Sandra Fox
Dottie Hurst
Charlie Landis
Caleb & Lynne Fowler

Karen Simpson, Admin. Asst.
Dean Carroll, Sargeant
Bill Tweedie
Vera Bruton
Clinton Strand
Valena Gibb
Richard S. Cole
Anne Nock
Janet Fosque
Howard Picard
Jeff Barrett

1. Public Hearing. Buck Walters gaveled the Planning Commission to order. A) The Planning Commission felt that Town Council should adopt the amendment to the Flood Ordinance in order to be in compliance by the March 2009 FEMA deadline as follows, which will be the new second sentence in Section 124-130:

“The basis for the delineation of these districts shall be the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and the Flood Insurance Rate Maps for Accomack County and the Town of Onancock prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Federal Insurance Administration, dated March 16, 2009, as amended.”

There was no public comment.

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- b) The Planning Commission felt that Town Council should amend Article IX of

Section 24-58 to add the following language:

“The minimum side yard shall be twenty-five feet (25 Ft.)”

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Kidd made a motion that the Planning Commission recommend that Town Council adopt the Flood Ordinance amendment as previously noted and approve the amendment to Article IX, Cultural, Recreational and Community Facilities, in Section 24-58 as previously noted, Commissioner Dunton seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Commissioner closed the Commission's portion of the hearing. Mayor Paone closed the Joint Public Hearing.

- II. The regular Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Paone at 6:37 p.m., after which the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation were recited.
- III. Consideration of Minutes from October 27, November 5, November 7, November 12, November 14 and November 20, 2008. Councilman Miles made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes, Councilwoman Runniger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Councilman Miles made the motion to accept and approve all of the minutes, Councilman Fosque seconded the motion. Councilman Bradley asked that the last motion in the November 5, 2008 minutes be changed to Councilman Fosque being the one to make the motion and Councilman Bradley seconding the motion. A vote was taken on the minutes being accepted, and it passed unanimously.
- IV. Public Comment. Carol Barrineau presented a letter to Council, including copies of photographs, regarding the deplorable backyard condition of 19 Jackson Street. She asked that something be done about this situation.

Ben Kidd commented on the dozen automobiles owned by Town residents that do not have stickers. Sargeant Carroll advised that vehicles have to be moving in order to get a ticket.

Gary Cochran, representing a task force concerning the wastewater treatment plant expansion, would like Sandy Manter, as Interim Town Manager, authorized to be a part of the task force and asked for Council approval. The task force submitted a proposal on November 16th.

Charlie Landis read a statement to the gathering regarding wanting answers to questions raised by the lawsuit against the Town.

- V. Identity Theft Program. Town Attorney Rowan advised of the Identity Theft Prevention Program determined by the Federal Trade Commission to be necessary to reduce the identity theft problem. He cautioned Council about the “Red Flag” requirements for financial institutions and creditors that help fight identity theft. Councilman Miles made the motion to adopt the identity theft program and nominated the Town Manager as Program Administrator, Councilwoman Runniger

seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Councilman LaMontagne thought the program should be streamlined to specifically fit our situation.

- VI. Planning Commission Report. Councilman Fosque had no report, as there was no meeting this month. He is not sure if there will be a December meeting
- VII. Town Council Consideration of Public Hearing Items. Councilman Fosque made a motion to adopt the current change in the Flood Ordinance map, Councilman Miles seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Councilman Fosque made the motion to change the setback rule in Section 24-58, Councilman Miles seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- VIII. Tangier Ferry Committee Report. Councilman LaMontagne advised that at the October 24th meeting attendees discussed identifying why the ferry stopped and possible solutions. \$5,400 in fees and head tax were a problem. He presented draft notes of the meeting including action items to be taken. Councilman LaMontagne made a motion that the Onancock Town Council give the Iterim Town Manager the authority to report back to the Ferry Committee that Onancock is willing to commit financial support, contingent upon commitment from its partners Tangier, Accomack County, the State of Virginia and others, so that a ferry service to Tangier can be brought back to Onancock, Councilman Miles seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- IX. Mayor's Report. Mayor Paone introduced Sandy Manter as the Interim Town Manager. He advised that things in the Town are starting to come together.
- X. Correspondence. a. Letter to John LeCato, Chairman of EDA, requesting a meeting with Council and the EDA Board; b. Letter to John LeCato requesting that Town representatives be added to the EDA's agenda for their December 9th meeting, which invitation was accepted; and c. Letter request from Onancock Volunteer Fire Department to be added to the agenda of the next Council meeting. Councilman Miles made a motion that Town Council hold a work session in this regard at 6:30 p.m. on December 15, 2008, Councilwoman Runniger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Councilman Miles made a motion to cancel the December Town Council Meeting. Due to lack of a second on the motion, the motion died. The December Council meeting was scheduled for December 15th.

- XI. Mayor and Council Comments. Councilman LaMontagne advised that the Personnel Committee was finalizing the description of the advertisement for the Town Manager position, and are working on the personnel manual. There will be no Christmas bonuses for Town employees this year due to the current economic condition.

Bryan Horton and Sandy Manter will be meeting with the funding agencies in Richmond on December 1st, as the Town is nearing a payment period.

Councilman Bradley requested that Sandy Manter look into the situation at 19 Jackson Street that Ms. Barrineau earlier broached.

Councilman Fosque was advised by Town Attorney Rowan that the Town can encumber the lot it has for sale with any type of restriction it wants, which can be put in the sales contract. Sandy Manter will devise some language and run it by the Town Attorney to present at the December meeting.

Sandy Manter can meet with Gary Cochran and other members of the task force to make sure what they are trying to identify. A future work session can be scheduled later.

Councilman Miles made a motion to adjourn, Councilman Fosque seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The Town Council meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Sandy Manter
Interim Town Manager

Bruce Paone
Mayor

Attachments:

Revenue & Expenditure sheet
Police Report
Wharf Report
Check Register
Plant Report