

ONANCOCK TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 19, 2009
7:00 P.M.

TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

George Miles
Travis Bradley
Maphis Oswald

Kris LaMontagne
Kathyanne Runniger
Fletcher Fosque

OTHERS PRESENT:

Richard Cole
Caleb & Lynne Fowler

Bill Bagwell
Charlie Landis

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Paone.
2. Item 4 on the agenda - "Attorney Consultation Regarding Pending Litigation (closed session)" no longer needs to be discussed, as the situation has dissipated.
3. Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Status. The Town Manager reported that the Town had not been able to close on our loans because the suit against the town was refiled before the closing could take place. The Town Manager related that a concerted effort was launched to put political pressure on VRA from State Senator Northam, Delegate Lewis, the Town Attorney, CDM and letters from Town Manager to the directors of DEQ and Chesapeake Bay Program and the Governor's Office. At 4:00 p.m. today, the Town Manager received a telephone call from VRA confirming that they were willing to proceed with loan closing next week. We no longer need the letter of credit from BB&T, despite the fact that they were not willing to accept the risk involved since a State agency was not willing to back the Town. Some discussion followed regarding the possibility of looking into dealing with a bank(s) other than BB&T.

The Town Manager informed Council that we are not behind on payments to the contractor, Galway Bay. It has been a struggle, but we have managed to pay our bills on time.

4. Town Manager Application Review Process. Councilman LaMontagne advised that the Personnel Committee has received 20-40 applications for the Town Manager position. The first two parts of the hiring process have been accomplished and the field has been winnowed down to ten (10) applications. The next step is presenting these ten applications to Town Council for review in Executive Session.

Councilman LaMontagne made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, for discussion or consideration of prospective candidates for the position of Town Manager and for discussion regarding the salary of specific Town personnel, Councilman Miles seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

VOTE: AYE: 6
 NAY: 0

Councilman LaMontagne made the motion to come out of closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, Councilwoman Oswald seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

VOTE: AYE: 6
 NAY: 0

The Certification of Closed Meeting, signed by Mayor Paone, is attached to these Minutes.

Councilman Miles made the motion to adjourn, Councilwoman Oswald seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.³

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Paone at 8:08 p.m.

Sandy Manter
Town Manager

Bruce Paone
Mayor

