

Cheriton Town Council
February 27rd, 2019
Regular Meeting Minutes

<u>ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>PUBLIC:</u>
Mayor Larry LeMond	Stacey Sparrow, Clerk	7
Vice Mayor Robert 'Bo' Lewis	Warren Wisneski- Building & Code	
Councilman Barry Downing		
Councilman Matthew Yancy- ABSENT		
Councilman Greg Hardesty		
Councilwoman Norma Spencer- ABSENT		
Councilwoman Jackie Davis		

Mayor Larry LeMond called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Councilman Barry Downing gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was approved with the following changes, move old business to top of agenda under Item number seven. A motion to Approve with the changes was made by Vice-Mayor Bo Lewis and second by Councilman Barry Downing. It was unanimous.

The minutes for January 17, 2019 and January 23, 2019 were approved with a motion from Councilman Greg Hardesty and a second from Vice-Mayor Bo Lewis. It was unanimous.

Oceana off Shore Drilling (Terra Pasacarose & Jay Ford)

Mr. Jay Ford spoke first explaining the details of offshore drilling and the effects on the Eastern Shore's economy and wildlife. Virginia has been included in the new off shore drilling plan and would like the Town of Cheriton to take the initiative to pass a resolution opposing drilling to help save the shore's economy and remove the risks associated with off shore drilling.

Ms. Terra Pasacrosa representative for Oceana explained that other towns and communities on the shore have already joined the initiative to oppose offshore drilling and some of those include Accomack County, Northampton County, the Town of Chincoteague, Town of Cape Charles, and the Town of Onancock. Over 320 resolutions have passed along the Atlantic Coast in opposition of off shore drilling.

After the presentations regarding off shore drilling Mayor Larry LeMond agreed that the town should support the position and thinks the risk to the shore and its economy is not worth it.

A motion from Councilwoman Jackie Davis to oppose offshore drilling and pass a resolution was made with a second from Councilman Greg Hardesty. It was unanimous.

The resolution will be drafted and presented for approval at the March 2019 meeting.

Eastern Shore Spay Organization (ESSO)

The Eastern Shore Spay Organization wrote a letter requesting funding by the town for spay and neuter services to Cheriton based colony cats to help reduce the population of unwanted cats. Esso is requesting \$1000 to help the cause.

After a brief discussion by Town Council Vice-Mayor Bo Lewis made a motion to grant ESSO \$1000.00 that is to be budgeted in the 2019-2020 budget. It was second by Councilman Greg Hardesty and was unanimous.

Drainage:

Major Jones from Major Jones Excavation spoke to the council regarding the drainage areas that the Cheriton Maintenance committee presented to him.

Some suggestions from Major include opening up the current drain pipe adjacent to the Methodist church into an open ditch for better drainage because the drop isn't enough to support flow through a pipe, To clear what's left open on the Sunnyside & Maple ditch and use the existing water flow path as the new ditch and clear that for better flow, to cut down and clear and find the ditch area on the Bayside to Pine St drain. Temporary easements would need to be established on properties that are not owned by the town to allow work to be completed in the areas mentioned. .

The council requested written proposals from Major Jones for the three areas that need the most immediate attention.

Mayors Report:

Mayor LeMond reported that the police car was sold to Northampton County for \$25000.00 dollars and the county has taken possession of the vehicle. The money received from the sale was put in to a money market account with a three month introductory rate of 2% interest.

The county also purchased weapons and other miscellaneous police items for a total of \$4200.00. The Exmore police department is interested in some items and will be coming by to look at the items that are left.

Town Clerk Report:

The Cheriton Town website is now active the web address is www.townofcheriton.org.

The new voice recorder has arrived.

All insurance policies regarding the police department have been cancelled.

Public Comment #1

Rita Berger, Mill St. - Has the town notified the property owners that it is their responsibility to keep up the ditches on their property? Notices to owners with information would be beneficial.

End Public Comment.

Building & Code Enforcement Report:

Warren Wisneski, Code Official reported the next court date for the Holland Road Dump site is March 7th.

Holes at the end of East Sunnyside Road from water run off needs to be addressed V-Dot will be contacted.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission- the Cheriton Planning Commission met on Monday, February 25th. The board appointed a new chair which is Scott Berger and a Vice-Chair which is Rita Berger.

The board discussed the Osbourne zoning application for a change of zoning on an existing residential lot to a commercial zoning. The board recommends the council change the zoning to commercial neighborhood. A public Hearing will be held on March 27th for the final determination. The FEMA flood plain ordinance was also discussed and a recommendation to use the states version of the ordinance was made to the council.

HR Committee- the HR committee is waiting for Attorney Burdiss' recommendations on the Employee manual.

Parks & Rec Committee- Cheriton Fun Day will be June 8th from 11am to 3pm at the town park. The Cheriton Town market is set to start May 15th, applications need to be approved by the council for vendors those applications have been distributed. The Light tree downtown still needs to be disassembled and stored, committee is looking into different ways to take it down and store it to help make reassembling it in the future less time consuming.

Maintenance Committee- Drainage discussion was had at the beginning of the meeting.

Budget & Finance- The Budget committee will meet in March to get ready to prepare for the 2019-2020 Budget.

Public Comment #2

Mike Killebrew- The bike route to cape Charles got turned down for the grant it was seeking and I think Cheriton should consider trying to get the route through town.

The next meeting of the Cheriton Town Council will be Wednesday, March 27th at 7pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Vice-Mayor Lewis with a second from Councilman Greg Hardesty and was unanimous.

End 8:45pm