

Minutes of the Cheriton Town Council

August 26, 2020

7PM Regular Session

Attendance:

<u><i>Council:</i></u>	<u><i>Staff:</i></u>	<u><i>Public:</i></u>
<i>Mayor Larry Lemond</i>	<i>Stacey Sparrow</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Vice-Mayor Robert "Bo" Lewis</i>	<i>Warren Wisneski</i>	
<i>Barry Downing</i>		
<i>Norma Spencer</i>		
<i>Jackie Davis</i>		
<i>Matthew Yancy</i>		
<i>Absent- Jason VanMarter</i>		

Call to order, 7PM

Invocation by Barry Downing

Pledge of Allegiance

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2020 minutes was made by Norma Spencer with a second from Bo Lewis, unanimous.

Mayors Report:

Bids for the bus shelter have been slow in coming in it is still open for anyone that would like to submit a bid.

The investment account was down in the 1st quarter but gained in the 2nd quarter to bring us back to what was lost in the 1st with some additional.

Charles Kolakowski, County Administrator contacted us with a resolution that I would like the council to review for the next meeting. The resolution is for the creation of the Economic Development Authority of Northampton County and Towns.

Town Manager Report:

Stacey and Ski are working on the Federal Highways Administration class that will be needed to administer federally regulated grants if the town ever so chooses to participate in one.

The DMV is still seeing drastic increases in patrons because of the state still doing appointments for all major offices. With the increases DMV transaction numbers have been higher and we may reach the five hundred-thousand-dollar mark early this year to begin collecting 5% commission for the town instead of the 4.5%.

Building and Code Report:

No new updates just a reminder to everyone to get permits if you have work being completed to avoid the \$300.00 fine for working without a permit.

Public Comment #1:

Wesley Travis, Sunnyside Road- Speeding is still an issue in town especially on west Sunnyside, which is a dead-end road. Also, we have many children on our road and can Children at Play signs be posted?

Kay Downing, Pineview- There is also a lot of pedestrian traffic in town recently and that is a concern as well with the speeding.

Dave Fauber, NHCO Board of Supervisors - The County is proposing a sales tax referendum on the November 3rd ballot with a 1% increase to help the schools. The increase will not affect groceries, medications, cars or farm equipment. If you think this is a good thing for our schools, please vote in favor on November 3rd.

Jackie Davis, Mill St- JK Carpenter and Walter Hopkins are two individuals that do many good deeds for our town and we should send them something to show our appreciation for there efforts and that they are not going unnoticed!

End Public Comment #1.

New Business:

Public Hearing- The purpose of this hearing is to adopt an ordinance entitled “Ordinance to Vacate portion of a Plat of Survey Entitled “Farm and Lot Subdivision, Property of Wallace Jones and others, Cheriton, Virginia.

Andre Wiggins, attorney for Barry and Kay Downing, stated that the purpose of this ordinance is to seek vacation of an unused portion of land beside the Downing’s home that they have been caring for since they purchased the property a number of years ago.

A letter from neighbor and adjoining property owner Maryon Womble was read into the record by town manager Stacey Sparrow: I, Maryon T. Womble, have no objection granting ownership of the ditch bank property to Barry and Kay Downing.

End Letter.

With no further objection, comments or questions the public hearing was closed.

A motion to grant the property to Barry and Kay Downing was made by Norma Spencer with a second from Bo Lewis and was unanimous. Barry Downing abstained from voting.

TEA-21 Update- A conference call was held with Bryant Porter of VDOT. Mr. Porter advised the town that if the project is not continued to completion the \$70,000.00 that was paid for engineering by VDOT will need to be refunded to VDOT. While on the call we asked could the monies used for the downtown improvements that have been done by the town such as the parking lot that were originally included in the Grant but not paid for through the Grant because the Town thought that the Grant had been cancelled. If we can get the in-kind match for the improvements that have been done, sidewalk repair projects could possibly be made for the downtown business district to complete the Grant.

Copies of invoices and proof of payment for the improvements were sent to Mr. Porter for his review and determination of what amount of these improvements can be used as our in-kind match, if any.

VHB, the original engineering firm, was contacted and asked to update their costs for new sidewalks and curbing on both the east and west sides of the downtown business district. The updated costs were distributed to the Council for discussion. The extent of any improvements will be decided when we hear back from VDOT.

Committee Reports:

No current updates.

Public Comment #2

Barry Downing- The drop-in drain located on Stoakley Court that was sinking has been repaired with crushed rock and stone.

Public Comment #2 Closed.

The next meeting of the Cheriton Town Council will be held on Wednesday, September 23rd, 2020 at 7pm in council chambers.

With no further items of business, a motion to adjourn was made by Bo Lewis with a second from Barry Downing and was unanimous.

End 8:35