

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 14, 2018

The Edinburg Town Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, August 14, 2018. Mayor Harshman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All Council Members were present, with the exception of Councilman Van Stee. Also present were: Capt. Wes Dellinger and Dep. Robert Taylor from the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Department, Mr. Jay Neal, Town Attorney and Mr. Ron Ross, Town Maintenance Supervisor.

A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Wood to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Beachy to approve the Treasurer's report and to pay all the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Harshman reported that the bleeder kit for the new compressor has been installed and the Town is still waiting for the new booster pump to be delivered for the WTP. The two existing pumps are still operating, although one of them is leaking water from a pump gasket.

Mr. Harshman reported that there continue to be issues caused by higher than normal turbidity spikes after heavy rains and the Trans Membrane Pressure (TMP) is running higher than normal. The membrane will still not seem to clear no matter how much they are cleaned. The new cleaning regiment that US Filter suggested using Iron Out as an initial cleaning followed by extended bleach and citric acid cleans has now been approved by the Health Department. The Health Department also suggested a 16-24 hour soak in citric acid that has worked for a plant in Augusta County. Mr. Harshman reported that even with the extended cleans; the TMP has only dropped to around 14 PSI. Mr. Harshman reported that this helps keep things running better, but the TMP quickly goes back up and then it's back to frequent backwashes and shutdowns.

Mr. Harshman reported that the WTP had a major shutdown on Thursday evening July 19th with all of the filters failing because of an alarm for "effluent quality". This alarm is not on the troubleshooting list and has never been seen before. Plant Operator, Ms. Alice Davis contacted a US Filter technician for guidance and he had never heard of that alarm either. He said that he would do some checking and call Ms. Davis in the morning with something to hopefully get things running.

The tank levels had come up slightly by that time and it was decided to ride out the night with the Plant off-line. The tech called in the morning and he was able to walk Ms. Davis through starting up filters #2, #3 & #4. The lead filter, #1 remained off-line with the effluent quality alarm. The technician felt that the only way he would be able to clear filter #1 was to drive down from Rhode Island and connect it to his computer.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Town started hauling water on Friday and the first load arrived shortly after the 3 filters were running again. Almost immediately, the chlorine contact tanks were overflowing and the booster pumps were not running. The electrician was called and discovered the breaker to the pump control panel had blown. Mr. Harshman reported that the three-phase voltage coming to the pumps was lower than required and the pumps were drawing higher than normal amperage.

Mr. Harshman reported that the pumps were monitored for a while and the voltage returned to an acceptable level. Once the pumps were reset, filter #1's alarm reset and then came back on-line. It was discovered later that the pump circuit is wired through filter #1's computer panel and the strange alarm heading was actually caused by the fact that the pumps had blown the breaker.

Mr. Harshman reported that while the US Filter technician was here, he discussed eliminating the odd alarm that was tied to the booster pumps, but it was decided to not do so now that we are aware of what to look for. The electrician also told Mr. Harshman that the wiring to the booster pumps was

heavy enough to handle a greater amperage breaker. These were installed to head off problems when the pumps might draw higher than normal amperage.

Mr. Harshman reported that the US Filter technician also discovered that the backwash on filter #4 was not operating properly and he found a large air leak that was hidden in the upper panel box of the unit. Once he corrected these problems, the TMP on filter #4 dropped to 9 PSI from previous levels of 19-21 PSI.

Mr. Harshman reported that an order had been placed for the 12 membranes for filter #4 because it had the highest TMP levels. These were ordered right after the July Council meeting and we were told that they would arrive within a week. With the improvement in filter #4, it was decided to go ahead and order 6 more membranes and use the 18 new membranes in the 3 smaller filters. The new membranes arrived yesterday and it was decided to replace filter #1, #2 & #3 which they worked on today. The remaining 12 membranes have also been ordered since it appears that all of them will need to be replaced. Mr. Harshman reported that 6 membranes cost \$4,800 and a total of 30 are needed at a cost of \$24,000. The Town was told last week that the final 12 membranes will arrive sometime in October at the earliest.

Mr. Harshman reported that water samples have been pulled from both wells attempting to identify what is causing the turbidity. Mr. Harshman also reported that an autopsy will be performed on one of the old membranes when it is removed for replacement. The hope is that the wells will be able to be pretreated to remove the contaminant prior to it hitting the membrane filters. The wells will now be chlorinated prior to sending the water on to the filters. Organic contaminants have been detected in the raw water and by adding chlorine; it will hopefully kill these organics that might be causing the problem in the membrane.

The Town has been hauling water again since last week and Woodstock is now charging for the water. Mr. Harshman reported that 500,000 gallons of water will cost \$3,905 based on \$7.81 per 1,000 gallons, which is the contractor rate that Woodstock charges for water.

Mr. Harshman reported that he has a meeting tomorrow with the engineers and another filter company.

Mr. Harshman reported that he met with Rural Development to learn about a grant they have for up to \$500,000 for emergency situations.

Mr. Harshman reported that Ms. Lynn Reid has been doing some work for the Town to locate all of the zero reads and she is also working on the gallons produced compared to the gallons billed trying to find possibilities of leaks.

Mr. Harshman reported that no progress has been made with the non-potable water system for the WWTP, but hopefully if the water issues ever get resolved, it will be implemented.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Town still has not heard anything from the DEQ as to how they feel about the revised PER or the idea of diverting the sewer to the North Fork WWTP. Mr. Harshman reported that there is a meeting scheduled for next week with the County to discuss contract amounts.

Mr. Harshman stated that he had told the Council at the last meeting about the influent pump from the WWTP that was lost when it was sent out to be rebuilt. Mr. Harshman reported that the company has found the pump and after inspecting the pump, the cost to rebuild it is \$3,879. A new pump costs \$7,068, but because of the problems with the old pump, they have offered a new pump for the price of \$4,490 rather than spending \$3,879 on rebuilding the pump. Mr. Harshman agreed to this.

Mr. Harshman reported that things are still about the same at the WWTP and the chlorine contact tank continues to be monitored and pumped.

The Street Committee had no report.

The Ordinance Committee had no report.

The Personnel Committee had no report.

The Finance Committee had no report.

The Property Committee had no report.

The Cemetery Committee had no report.

Park Committee Chairman, Councilwoman Fay Wymer-Hollar reported that the big shelter has been repaired and looks good. She also reported that all of the swimming lessons are done. Councilwoman Fay Wymer-Hollar stated that the pool will be closed during the week and only open on weekends, except during Fair Week, the pool will be open. She also stated that the Doggie Paddle will be on September 8th.

The Insurance Committee had no report.

Capt. Dellinger provided the Council with a “Calls for Service” report for July 2018 and reported that calls were up more than usual. Capt. Dellinger reported that the deputies are at the Charterhouse School often and he is hoping they will be able to get a full-time resource officer there. Councilman Wood congratulated the Sheriff’s Department for being accredited for a number of years by the Commonwealth.

Mr. Harshman reported that he attended the July Tourism Council meeting and he has provided the Council with a copy of the minutes.

Mr. Harshman reported that attendance at the Visitor Center and Museum is up 20% from last year. Mr. Harshman also reported that the Antique Car Show at the Mill on August 5th was a success with 91 vehicles and a lot of new vehicles that had never been at the Mill Show before. The event brought 124 people through the Mill and raised \$1,336 after expenses.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Fireman’s Lawn Party and Parade weren’t as lucky as the Car Show was with the weather, but they still were able to attract folks between the rains. Mr. Harshman thinks that they may be moving the Parade to Saturday evening going forward.

Mr. Harshman reported that the County, all of the Towns and the County Chamber are sponsoring a program on August 29th titled “Delivering Memorable Experiences Downtown”. The speaker will be Dr. Vincent Magnini and the program will be held at the Shenandoah County Board Room from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Town of Strasburg will be hosting the Town and County Dinner on Wednesday, October 10th at the Box Office Brewery located on Route 11 across from the Strasburg Town Hall.

There was no ARB meeting this month.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Planning Commission met last month and has provided the Council with a copy of the minutes.

The Zoning Administrator’s report showed that five permits were issued:

1. Tammi Hopkins
202 Princess Caroline Ct.
Deck

2. Main St. Homes LLC
204 Grafton Ct.
Rear Deck
3. Main St. Homes LLC
206 Grafton Ct.
Rear Deck
4. Emily Frye
226 Kadies Ln.
Deck
5. VFW Post 2447
100 Veterans Day
Deck

The Town Attorney, Mr. Jay Neal reported that he has submitted the Board of Zoning Appeals Appointment for Ms. Barbara Strong to the Circuit Court, but it may take longer than usual since Judge Hupp has retired and it must be approved by five Judges.

Mr. Harshman asked the Council to consider a Resolution to modify 2014A Bond the Town has with United Bank. Mr. Harshman asked the Council if he could just read the title of the Resolution. A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Dellinger to allow Mr. Harshman to just read the title of the Resolution. Mr. Harshman read the title. A motion was made by Councilman Dellinger and seconded by Councilman Beachy to approve a Resolution to modify 2014A Bond the Town has with United Bank. Motion carried. Recorded vote as follows: Van Stee - absent, Dellinger - aye, Beachy - aye, Wymer-Hollar - aye, Boone - aye, Wood - aye, Harshman - aye.

Mr. Harshman asked the Council to consider a Mutual Aid Agreement for Shenandoah County Law Enforcement. A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Beachy to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement for Shenandoah County Law Enforcement. Motion carried.

Mr. Harshman stated that he would like to schedule a Personnel Committee meeting and a Water and Sewer Committee meeting. He asked the Council to email Town Clerk, Ms. Mary Embrey available dates so these meetings can be scheduled.

Councilman Beachy asked if the "Welcome to Edinburg" sign would be put back up at the cemetery. Mr. Harshman stated that yes, it would be, but it should be painted first. Councilman Boone asked if anyone would mind if he repaired the deteriorating Edinburg sign in front of his house and also take out or crop the burning bush that is taking over the sign. Council felt that this would be fine.

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Dellinger to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Daniel J. Harshman, Mayor

Mary L. Embrey, Town Clerk