

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

The Edinburg Town Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. Mayor Harshman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All Council Members were present. Also present were: Capt. Wes Dellinger and Dep. Robert Taylor from the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Department, Mr. Max Thornberry from the Northern Virginia Daily, Mr. Jay Neal, Town Attorney and Mr. Ron Ross, Town Maintenance Supervisor.

A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Dellinger to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Mr. Harshman stated that a bill needed to be added to the "Bills To Be Paid" report for \$1,426.82 from the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission for the Town's portion of the Planning Grant for the bus service on Route 11 which was discussed several months ago. A motion was made by Councilman Dellinger and seconded by Councilman Beachy to approve the Treasurer's report and to pay all the bills including the added one. Motion carried.

Mr. Harshman reported that there was no EEMA or Maintenance Department report.

Mr. Harshman reported that things at the WTP are running good. The TMP's are staying down in the 5-6 range. Mr. Harshman also reported that the cleaning regiment has been changed to doubling up on the chlorine.

Mr. Harshman reported that the tanks are full and he doesn't feel that the storm will impact things too much.

Mr. Harshman reported that the sewer diversion project is moving slowly.

Mr. Harshman reported that a lot of leaks have been fixed in the system, including a large leak on Kadies Lane and one on Main Street. Some smaller leaks have also been fixed.

Mr. Harshman reported that Mr. Anthony Hess from the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has asked if the Town would be interested in assistance with performing a water audit. This assistance would include three employees from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) working along with the VDH doing some field work to complete the water audit. Mr. Harshman asked the Council if they thought the Town should participate in this. The Council agreed to have the EPA and VDH come and do the field work necessary for the water audit.

Mr. Harshman reported that Ms. Lynn Reid found some zero read meters and some other discrepancies that are being worked on.

Mr. Harshman reported that during two of the heavier rains, the Town was in violation of the LT2 Rule, which is the e-coli test on raw water, so now the Town must start testing for cryptosporidium. The testing will last from January 2019 to January 2020 and will cost \$11,000. There are no state labs that do this type of testing, so the samples will be sent to a lab in Grainger Indiana.

The Street Committee had no report.

The Ordinance Committee had no report.

The Personnel Committee had no report.

The Finance Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that he and Town Treasurer, Ms. Michelle Heier have been working with an accountant that is helping to clean up some reports to get ready for Rural Development.

The Property Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that the Town of Woodstock is

selling their 1999 backhoe for \$18,000. The Town purchased the 1989 backhoe from them when they sold it 10 years ago. A 3' bucket for the backhoe would also need to be purchased at a cost of \$1,500 for use at the cemetery. The Town would sell the 1989 backhoe. Mr. Harshman reported that the Town didn't plan on this purchase, but it is a good opportunity and since the 1999 backhoe is 4-wheel drive, it will be better in the snow. A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Beachy to give Mr. Harshman permission to negotiate with the Town of Woodstock to purchase their 1999 backhoe. Motion carried.

The Cemetery Committee had no report. Councilman Beachy stated that the back roads in the cemetery have some pretty good ruts. Mr. Ross reported that they will try to put some stone on the roads before the Ole Time Festival. Mr. Harshman reported that the cremation memorial has been ordered, but it probably won't be here until near the end of the year. Mr. Harshman also reported that the Town will wait until after the Ole Time Festival to do the concrete work.

Park Committee Chairman, Councilwoman Wymer-Hollar reported that the Doggie Paddle was cancelled because of the weather. Councilwoman Wymer-Hollar thanked Ms. Mary Embrey, Ms. Michelle Heier and Mr. Ross and his crew for helping out with the pool. Mr. Harshman reported that there is a 2" water line at the pool that has a leak and Mr. Ross reported that a different company than last year is coming to check the pool for leaks now that the pool is closed.

The Insurance Committee had no report.

Capt. Dellinger provided the Council with a "Calls for Service" report for August 2018. Capt. Dellinger reported that he attended the meeting today regarding the upcoming hurricane and the Sheriff's Department will have additional staff on duty during the storm.

Mr. Harshman reported that he had a conflict and could not attend the August Tourism Council meeting, but he has provided the Council with a copy of the minutes.

Mr. Harshman reported that tourism was a big money maker for Shenandoah County and there was a 5% increase since last year.

Mr. Harshman reported that he has a meeting on Friday with County Planner, Ms. Jill Jefferson and the new County Zoning Administrator, Mr. Jason Smith to discuss a possible new zoning district in the County to allow for smaller residential lots.

Mr. Harshman reported that he attended a meeting today regarding the upcoming hurricane and gave the Council an update. Mr. Harshman also reported that he will make a decision about closing the flood wall at the Mill on Thursday.

Mr. Harshman reported that he attended the Delivering Memorable Experiences Downtown Program.

Mr. Harshman reported that he addressed 70 applied curriculum students at the Charterhouse School about how the Town Government works. Mr. Harshman also reported that some of the students may be helping out the Ole Time Festival Committee.

Mr. Harshman reported that he hasn't heard anything from the Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) yet about the Town's possible grant application for March 2019. Mr. Harshman also reported that he will be attending the DHCD Roadshow tomorrow at the County Government Center to learn about all the programs that the DHCD offers.

Mr. Harshman reported that the next Rev-Up Event will kick off on September 26th with a focus on social media.

Mr. Harshman reported that he has heard nothing else from Strasburg about the Town & County Dinner.

Mr. Harshman reported that he will be attending the Shenandoah County Chamber Community Leadership Program on November 9th at 8:00 a.m. and invited council members to join him.

There was no ARB meeting this month.

Councilman Van Stee reported that the Planning Commission met last month, but only one member attended the meeting. He also reported that the Planning Commission will be meeting on September 18th and that he has two possible new members.

The Zoning Administrator had no report.

The Town Attorney, Mr. Jay Neal reported that Mr. Pollack requested copies of all the zoning permits that pertain to Edinburg Square. He has been provided with copies of the permits again.

Mr. Ross reported that the Maintenance Department will be taking all of the Ole Time Festival banners and signs down until after the storm to prevent them from being damaged or ruined.

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Van Stee and seconded by Councilman Beachy to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Daniel J. Harshman, Mayor

Mary L. Embrey, Town Clerk