



Town of Port Royal

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PUBLIC HEARING

Town of Port Royal
19 November 2013

The Port Royal Town Council met on November 19, 2013, at 7:00 PM in the Port Royal Town Chambers, 419 King Street, Port Royal Virginia, for a Public Hearing on the proposed Boundary Line Adjustment.

The notice of the public hearing was advertised for two consecutive weeks in the Caroline Progress as required by law.

Roll Call was taken, present were Mayor Long, Vice Mayor Wick, Jim Heimbach, Bill Henderson, Della Mills, and Monica Chenault. Oliver Fortune was absent and Mayor Long expressed her wishes for his quick recovery from recent surgery.

A quorum was established.

Mayor Long called the meeting to order and stated that there was a sign-up sheet located by the door for those wishing to speak. She asked each person wishing to speak to sign in and write down their full address.

Mayor Long gave a brief description of the new proposed lines and indicated a large map on the wall, supplied by the Caroline County Planning Department, depicting where the new lines would run.

In October, 2013, the Port Royal Town Council met with the Board of Supervisors for Caroline County and proposed new lines, slightly different from the ones proposed originally. The Town officials and the Board of Supervisors are working together for not only the best interest of the town, but to also take into consideration the wishes of some of the local farmers. The boundary line would be drawn about 500 feet west of U.S. 301 and would add about 26 acres to the area of the Town. This is about a quarter of the land west of U. S. 301 that was originally included in the proposed Boundary Line Adjustment.

It was noted for the record that the citizens in attendance were Rob Robinson, Morton Upshaw, Helmut Linne von Berg, Susan Linne von Berg, Phyllis Sue Carpenter, Bill Carpenter, and Supervisor Calvin Taylor.

The Mayor welcomed all who had come out this evening to the Public Hearing and thanked Mr. Taylor for his presence and continued support.

The Mayor then opened the floor for comments.

The chair recognized Phyllis Sue Carpenter. Mrs. Carpenter stated that she was very much in favor of the Boundary Line Adjustment. She stated that she has been agreeable from the start of the process and willingly placed her property within the proposed boundary lines. She stated that she is in fact disappointed in the lessened line, but understands that the property owners need to do what they need to do. Mrs.

Carpenter also noted for the public record that, while there were rumors going around that her reasons for wanting her property situated within the boundaries was for her to be able to become the mayor of the Town at some point, these were simply untrue. Mrs. Carpenter stated that she is at a place in her life where she wants less responsibility, not more.

The chair recognized Rob Robinson. Mr. Robinson stated that while he was now OK with the revised lines, he was here at the meeting representing Mr. C. B Holloway, who is a one-third part owner of farmland partially situated within the proposed boundary line area. He stated for the record that Mr. Holloway is mindful of the reasons why the town needs to expand its boundaries; however, he is against having his property included in the BOA. Mr. Robinson then stated that it was his understanding that Mr. Holloway's lawyer had sent a letter to the Town stating that he was opposed to the BOA. Mr. Robinson stated that it was his understanding that Mr. Holloway and his lawyers feel that what the town is doing is illegal and he will continue to fight the process.

The chair recognized Mr. Calvin Taylor. Mr. Taylor thanked the council for allowing him the opportunity to speak. Mr. Taylor stated that he supports the Boundary Line Adjustment; he stated that that we are generating the revenue from the businesses in the area and should be entitled to the tax money. Mr. Taylor stated that the Board of Supervisors has worked as well as they possibly can with the property owners affected. Mr. Taylor stated that the piece of land affected is a very narrow strip; however, it is needed for future possible turn lanes. Mr. Taylor stated that he has served on the Board of Supervisors for 18 years and cannot recall a time when there was 100% satisfaction. Mr. Taylor stated that, according to the County's attorney, we have done everything by law at the least expense to the property owners. The Board of Supervisors has the authority to do what they are doing. Mr. Taylor stated he was willing to do whatever he can to support the town and the citizens.

Councilman Heimbach stated that he appreciated Supervisor Taylor's presence and continued support of the town. Mr. Taylor stated that both the Town Council and the Board of Supervisors have acted in good faith throughout the entire process.

The chair recognized Morton Upshaw, Mr. Upshaw asked if the new proposed boundary will take in Townfield Subdivision. The Mayor stated that it would not. The mayor stated for the record that discussions with the citizens of Townfield indicated no interest in becoming a part of the Town.

The Mayor repeatedly asked if there was anyone else wishing to make a statement. Hearing none, the Mayor officially closed the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing officially came to a close at 7:15 pm.

The Mayor stated that the Council would be taking a five-minute recess before resuming their regular Town Council meeting. Citizens wishing to remain for the meeting are welcome to do so. She thanked those who attended for their continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. Therese Harrison