

Public Hearing
Flood Plain Ordinance
March 2, 2021

On March 2, 2021, at 6:45 p.m., the Haysi Town Council conducted a Public Hearing held in the Council Chambers of the Haysi Town Hall Municipal Building located at 322 Main Street, Haysi, Virginia.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public comments and input on the Town of Haysi's intent to update their Flood Plain Ordinance.

Mayor Yates called the Public Hearing in session at 6:50 PM.

Mayor Yates opened the floor for public comment. Mayor Yates stated that the proposed ordinance was almost identical to the one Dickenson County has and complies with the Virginia Code, United States Army Corp of Engineers, and Federal Emergency Management Agency.

No one was registered for public comment during the Public Hearing and when asked for comment Mr. David Yates asked who would have the final authority regarding Article IV; the Board of Zoning Appeals or the County Building Inspector. Mayor Yates answered that he hoped to establish a local zoning appeals board of five members that were not Haysi Town Council Members, but for now questions would go to Dickenson County. Mayor Yates said that he is waiting for more clarification on the issue from Chris Rakes who has escalated the question for response. Mayor Yates asked Vice Mayor Rocky Wood if he served on the board of appeals for the county. Vice Mayor Wood answered that he did. Mrs. Dusti O'Quinn commented that she had heard many rumors regarding the town plans and asked for information about the future of Haysi. Mayor Yates responded to her that the public hearing was for specific discussion about the Flood Plain Ordinance and he offered to address her if no one else had questions or comments about the ordinance. No one came forward with a question or comment when asked. Mayor Yates advised that the future of the town is up to the property owners and what they choose, but everyone should have been contacted by the Corp of Engineers. A general discussion was held about the Section 202 Project. Mr. Jonathan O'Quinn asked if property owners chose not to participate in the Section 202 Project would they lose their option to purchase flood insurance, which is required for individuals that have a mortgage. Mayor Yates answered that the Corp of Engineers has said that flood insurance would still be available regardless. Mayor Yates explained that the town was required to have a Flood Plain Ordinance in order for property owners to be eligible for the discounted flood insurance program. A general discussion was held about flood insurance and the Section 202 Project. Council Member Susan Tiller asked if the town adopted the presented Flood Plain Ordinance if property owners would have problems adding to their existing structures. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood answered that the property owners would not be allowed to obtain a permit.

After 7:00 p.m., Mayor Yates closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council