MINUTES

February 6, 2017

Attending the meeting were Mayor Spencer R. Schlosnagle, council members Julia Sines, Jerry Fike, Joe Sessa and Clerk/Treasurer Karen Benedict. In the audience were Deputy Guy from the Garrett County Sheriff's Office, and Robin Sines, chairperson for the town election committee. Council members Pam Humberson, Tom Fike and Jess Whittemore were unable to attend the meeting.

Call to Order: Council President Julia Sines called the February 6, 2017 general meeting of the Mayor and Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Jerry Fike gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all attending.

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes: General consensus to accept the agenda for tonight's meeting. Joe questioned not putting the solar lights up for referendum. Spencer explained after contacting and speaking with Jim Peck from the Maryland Municipal League and receiving an email response, the Town could not put a binding question to the voters. Such a referendum would effectively strip the Council of its role as the policy making body of the Town. Mr. Peck knows of two or three Maryland municipalities that have charter provisions that enable the council to put nonbinding questions to the voters, but such provisions are very rare. General consensus to approve the minutes was given since there is not a quorum to make a motion.

TO THE FLOOR

Robin Sines, Chairperson for the town Election Board, came to inform council of her conversation with Steve Fratz of the Garrett County Election Board. He will attend one of our meetings to address concerns of council in regards to changes to our town charter on election issues. He asked that the questions be put in writing and sent to him before the meeting so he is prepared to respond.

Deputy Guy from the Garrett County Sheriff's Department came and gave the monthly crime report and asked what he could do for the town.

Carol Calhoun came before council to speak on the 2017 Kendall River Trail Race. The date has been changed to May 27th by the Queen City Striders who time our event. She would like to give prizes for the following: first place male (\$100); first place female (\$100); second place runner (\$50), third place runner (\$25) as we did last year. She would like to add first place youth under 18 years of age (\$100), and first place student on a high school track team (\$100).

The first 50 entrants receive a free t-shirt. There was a general consensus to have the profit go to the Ruth Enlow Library as it did last year and make the additions she requested.

COMMITTEES

Streets and Walks: Spencer reported the employees worked on the drains. Tony Crawford from Maryland State Highway said they will unclog the ditch at mini creek. The county roads will work on the drain next to the Friendsville Methodist Church.

Source Water Protection: Nothing. **Property Maintenance:** Nothing. **Economic Development:** Nothing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Street light bids: Since we do not have a quorum a motion to accept cannot be made, however it was agreed to open the bids. They are as follows:
 - 1. Halian and Associates \$376.85 per unit, requesting all eight units = \$3,014.80 for all eight units
 - 2. Ken Harding \$40 per unit
 - 3. Curt Nugent \$2.50 per unit
- Finish mower bids:
 - 1. Halian and Associates \$251.85
 - 2. Brad Friend \$305.00
 - 3. Tracy Harding \$155.00

After opening it was agreed to contact each member and get a verbal vote to accept the highest bid so the items will not be damaged in the meantime since we don't meet for another month. Jerry, Joe, Pam, Jess and Julia for the high bidder receiving the merchandise. Tom against selling the items.

NEW BUSINESS

- Cutting edge: Mark Frantz gave a proposal to put a cutting edge on the bucket for the new Kabuto tractor. General consensus to have the work done since it is under the \$500 threshold to do without a motion being made.
- Army Corps of Engineers: Spencer presented the results from the inspection on October 25, 2016. We were given a "minimally acceptable rating". When the weather breaks, the employees will address the items with concerns.
- Cindy Stone, Director of Community Development Block Grant: We had requested an extension of the grant for residents to connect to the sewer line on Maple Street if they qualify. It was given to the town since it is in our name. Community Action is administering the work with the county.

- Pump for fuel tank at utility building: It was agreed to wait until the new council takes office before making this decision. We are having trouble with the furnace and it may need to be replaced. May consider other heating options.
- Patricia Anderson: She approached Spencer about the town holding a flea market in a
 designated area in the park or recreational parking lot. She will attend a meeting in
 March to give her ideas.
- Parking at 705 Morris Avenue: Cars are parking along the street and there is not enough off street parking at this rental house. This is making it hard to plow and there is a concern should there be an emergency there not being enough room to get through.
- Local Income Tax Overpayment Forgiveness: Senator Edwards is presenting a bill to
 have the towns that were overpaid Maryland Income tax by the state, have it forgiven.
 They requested a letter of support from the town and asked that any mayor and town
 representative attend the meeting to testify. General consensus was given to write the
 letter.
- Head Start Building: Jazzercize wants to paint the rooms they use in the head start building. Discussion. Spencer will clarify with Duane Yoder and Rodney Durst what needs done and who pays for what items in the building.

CLERK'S REPORT AND PAYABLES

General consensus to accept the Clerk's Report and Payables.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Benedict Clerk/Treasurer