

MINUTES May 1, 2017

Attending the meeting were Mayor Spencer R. Schlosnagle, council members, Julia Sines, Pam Humberson, Sheryl MacLane, Fred Fox, Bob Sines, Jerry Fike and Clerk/Treasurer Karen Benedict. In the audience was Pastor Damon Schmuck, Kelsey Artice and Randy Humberson.

Call to Order: Council President Julia Sines called the May 1, 2017 general meeting of the Mayor and Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Pastor Damon Schmuck from Mill Run Mercy Chapel gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all attending.

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes: Pam moved to approve the agenda. Bob seconds the motion. All in favor. Pam moved to approve the minutes of April 17, 2017. Bob seconds the motion. All in favor.

TO THE FLOOR

Kelsey Artice came before council to give an update on the upcoming Friendsville Days event and to ask for a donation from the Town. The donation will be discussed at our 2018 budget work session as it will be taken out of that budget.

Randy Humberson came before council concerning the Lion's Club lease for the building in the park. It will expire in June. The club would like to renew it for the same term of five years. He stated he had checked out the takeout ramp in the park and he sees no sand to be cleaned off by the fire department. He feels the employees can now paint the ramps with an abrasive paint to keep people from slipping and falling after getting out of the river.

Crede Calhoun came before council to discuss the Kendall Trail Wildlife Viewing Platform application that was recently submitted to ARC for consideration. He spoke on how it ties into our economy and history. Items discussed were keeping the area clean, trash and debris, insurance for the project, and will other partnering agencies concur with the grant. After discussion Sheryl moved to move forward with the Kendall Trail Wildlife Viewing project. Bob seconds the motion. Sheryl, Bob, Julia, Pam for the motion. Fred against the motion and Jerry abstained. Motion carried. Crede also gave an overview of the Fracking event scheduled for Sunday, June 11th. Sheryl moved to accept his certificate of insurance for the event. Bob seconds the motion. All in favor.

COMMITTEES

Buildings: Lion's Club concession stand. After discussion Pam moved to renew the lease with the Friendsville Lion's Club for the term of 5 years beginning June 5, 2017 and running until

June 5, 2022. They will send us a copy of the liability insurance. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor.

Museum: Spencer met with the Friend Family board and spoke on the condition of the museum building. Ex: roof, cement steps, window panels and railings. They may be interested in giving some money toward remodeling the building or purchasing if the price was right. Fred will check with Preservation Maryland and see if any grant money is available for the remodel of the building. Sheryl will get the phone numbers of some contractors she has worked with in the past and give them to Bob, the Building Committee Chairperson, who will get some proposals.

Streets and Walks: Ross Lane has some holes from the cow patch up the lane. After discussion, Spencer will speak with Jay Moyer from the County Roads Department and see what section of the road is their responsibility since the water reservoir is at the top of the lane.

Fred spoke with Paul Nicol concerning painting of crosswalks in town. He stated they can't do crosswalks where there are Stop signs. However, there may be Project Development funding to replace deficient ramps where crosswalks would/could be. These would be at the Stop signs between, crossing from the Bank toward the Museum, and on the other side of Maple, crossing from Appalachian Oils toward the Old Mill. If the project is eventually funded they will install permanent crosswalks in 2018.

Drain at 402 Oak Street: Fred spoke with Chris Williams about rebuilding the grate. The cost will be between \$250-\$300. Jerry moved to have Chris Williams rebuild the grate for \$250 to \$300. Fred seconds the motion. All in favor.

Christmas: Sheryl will have something for the Christmas Home Tour/quilt show by the next meeting.

Park: Jerry showed the vent and glass block that was to be put into the lower changing room. There was a discussion on changing it to a grate/vent. Rob Smith looked at the building and agreed to Chris Williams suggestions. He is concerned with the methane odor. After discussion, it was agreed to stay with the original motion at the last meeting on May 1st.

CDBG, Community Housing Pathways Program: After discussion it was agreed to write a letter to the Garrett County Commissioners in support of "The Pathway to Homeownership Program", which assists individuals when purchasing their primary residence.

Safety: Discussion on paint stripes. Spencer will speak with Gwen from the town of Oakland on getting the specifics on a parking space.

Grand Fondo: Fred will set up a table on Friday night during the registration before the race on Saturday.

Rent a Cop: Jerry had suggested the town look into the "Rent a Cop" through the Sheriff's Department. The cost would be \$51.08 per hour and they can be scheduled at 2-hour intervals. Any money collected through tickets go to the state.

Water turn-off alerts: Discussion on what if anything could be done when there is a water emergency and the residents need to be notified. We do not own the water/sewer anymore; it is owned by the county and they should let the town know of the problem and when it will be corrected.

Community Park: Pam moved to purchase four 6-foot picnic tables from Northern High School at a cost of \$100 per table. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor.

Trees and Shrubs: A Tinkerbell Lilac tree was planted in memory of Alice Spear on April 19th to the side of Town Hall. A Flowering Crabapple tree was planted in the Community Park on the 25th of April with the 4th grade students from the Friendsville Elementary School in observance of Arbor Day. The town was recognized as being a 10-year member of Tree City USA and was presented with an award and a new flag.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Alley 14: Everyone received a response from town attorney Mike Llewelyn concerning Alley 14. Fred moved to accept Mike Llewelyn's decision on the alley. It remains a town alley. Sheryl seconds the motion. Discussion. Julia, Fred, Sheryl and Bob for the motion. Jerry abstained and Pam abstained due to conflict of interest.

NEW BUSINESS

- Resolution 2017-2; Resolution in Support of the Circuit Rider Program. Spencer read the resolution and informed council of our share being \$1,259 for the year. Jerry moved to adopt the resolution. Fred seconds the motion. All in favor.
- Community Parks and Playground 5-year Capital plan: The council decided their projects for the Community Parks and Playground 5-year Capital program. This report will be sent to Bill DeVore and included in the County's plan.
- AL-GAR Dinner: May 17, 2017 at the High-Country Creamery in Grantsville.
- Program Open Space Application: Due May 31, 2017. We had used this money for the parking lot along 742 in our past application.
- Community Legacy Grant Application: Discussion on options for this grant. Spencer suggested getting signage for getting to the park and other amenities. Council concurred to put in the application \$25,000 for signage and \$1,000 for banners.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Event Information Application: General consensus was given to send out to organizations who want to use the park before their event.
- Kendall Trail River 5K run/3K walk: May 27, 2017. Will need help with setup.
- Kendal Trail Parking Lot: Trash at 705 Morris Avenue: Send a letter to Bill Robinson concerning trash outside of residence.
- Pam Jasper: She would like to plant flowers going into the park, she will take care of them. She only asks that the employees will till it for her.
- Bonnie Sines: Would the town consider trimming a tree at her property at 840 First Avenue. After discussion Bob moved not to cut or trim the tree. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor.

- Trash after ball games in the park: General consensus was given to contact the league and ask that they empty their trash into the town's dumpster as originally agreed.
- Wastewater holding tank: A RFP has been sent in by Pat Hudnal from Garrett Public Utilities for a new wastewater holding tank.
- LGIT, last evaluation: We received our evaluation from last summer. Many of the items have been corrected.

CLERK'S REPORT AND PAYABLES

Pam moved to accept the Clerk's Report. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor.

Pam moved to approve the Payables for the month of April. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor.

CONCERNS OF COUNCIL

Jerry reminded council of the need to put a fence around the power box at the stage. Pam is concerned with all the drugs in town.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Benedict
Clerk/Treasurer