MINUTES

**April 17, 2017**

Attending the meeting were Mayor Spencer R. Schlosnagle, council members Julia Sines, Pam Humberson, Sheryl MacLane, Fred Fox, Jerry Fike, Robert Sines and Clerk/Treasurer Karen Benedict. In the audience were Pastor Mike Saturday from the Asher Glade Church of God. Carol and Crede Calhoun entered after the meeting began.

Council President Julia Sines called the April 17, 2017 general meeting of the Mayor and Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:** Pastor Mike Saturday from the Asher Glade Church of God gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

**Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:** Pam moved to accept the agenda. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor. Pam moved to approve the minutes with a correction noted. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

 **Buildings:** There was a discussion on what council wanted done to the Friend Museum; is it to remain historic? Fred moved to get a proposal for the roof, and another for gutters, and painting. Pam seconds the motion. All in favor.

**TO THE FLOOR**

 Carol Calhoun came before council with the t-shirt design for the Kendall River Trail run/walk. After discussion Pam moved to order 11 dozen t-shirts. Julia seconds the motion. All in favor. Spencer will speak with Hill Top Fruit Market and see if they will donate some of the fruit like they did last year.

 Crede Calhoun came before council to give an update on the Heritage Walking Tour and the proposed wildlife viewing area up the Kendall Trail. Liability insurance was also discussed as this is on state land.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)**

 **Streets/Walks:**  Paul Harvey from the Garrett County Roads Department said the county will be paving the end of June or first of July. State Highway worked on the drain at the Friendsville Methodist Church on Water Street. A 2-hour parking sign has been ordered for in front of S & S Market from SHA per the owner’s request.

 **Christmas:** Discussion on the Christmas quilt show.

 **Economic Development:** Discussion on the Maker’s Market event. Garrett Trails is continuing to lobby Senator Cardin for a bridge over the Yough River for the Kendall Trail. They are asking for 2 million.

 Fred presented a proposal from the Friendsville Way group for a banner to be placed on the Yough bridge coming in off of Route 742. The total cost being $120.89. Jerry moved to accept the proposal and pay for the banner as long as the Celtic festival is in agreement with the design and material. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor.

 **Safety:** There was a discussion on painting new lines in the parking lot along Water Street across from the Water Street Café. Rick Bissell from the Good to Go has agreed to allow us to use his paint machine if we purchase the paint. Jerry feels we need to look into paying for extra police patrol in town.

 **Community Park:** Pam will contact the carpentry department at Northern High School to see if they have any picnic tables for sale.

 **Trees and Shrubs:** the memorial tree dedication for Alice Spear is April 19, 2017 at 6:00 at the Town Hall.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

* Basketball backboards: Discussion on a new proposal from Phil Smith with a backboard of polycarbonate from eBay. Pam moved to go with the eBay listing for $491 and free shipping. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor.
* Concession stand improvements: Chris Williams gave a proposal for several items to be done in the concession stand/bathrooms. After discussion on these items, Fred moved to have Rob Smith, former Garrett County Building Inspector, look at our comfort station/concession stand and see what he recommends to correct the bathroom odor problems and the block wall in the back of the building. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor.
* Alley 14: The attorney was sent more information so a determination can be made on the alley. We will have an answer at our next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Constant Yield Tax Rate: Spencer spoke on the increases in our 2017-18 Fiscal Year budget. Those being due to minimum wage increases, raises in our share of the code enforcement officer’s wages and benefits and increase of our share of the municipality circuit riders wages. After discussion Bob moved to raise the real estate tax rate by 2 cents making it .36 per $100. Julia seconds the motion. All in favor. Jerry moved to raise the utility tax to $1.44 per $100. Bob seconds the motion. All in favor. Jerry moved to raise the Personal Property Tax to .55 per $100. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor.
* Public Health Invitation: The Mayor and Town Council are invited to attend a Public Health Accreditation meeting on May 3, 2017 from 4 until 6 p.m. at the Garrett County Health Department in Oakland.
* Employee concerns: The employees have requested windows be put in the garage bathroom and breakroom. Being able to open windows may help with circulation and mold issues. The 1990 Ford pickup has stopped running and will cost more than it is worth to fix it. Spencer will speak with Brad Friend and call Bates Auto and Salvage to see if either one will buy it for parts.
* Community Legacy Projects: The deadline to send in a proposal is June 8th ; we must have proposals with the projects. Discussion on possible projects. Final decision will be made at next meeting.
* Program Open Space: Applications are due May 31st. Suggestions are to extend the parking lot back to the Methodist church, repair the tennis court or put in a skate park. Karen will check with LGIT on insurance estimates and liability with the skate park.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

* Spring Clean-up: week of May 8 with large item pickup on the 13th.
* Inmates will be coming April 18th and 19th to work in the cemeteries and park.
* Central Garrett Baseball opening day April 22nd in the park.
* Tire Amnesty: will not be held this year by the county.
* Garrett County Commissioners: They will be having their commissioner’s meeting here in town hall on July 17th at 5:00 p.m.
* Kendall River Trail Run/Walk: We will have 1 or 2 deputies here during the race.
* Code Enforcement Officer share for Friendsville: Our current share is $1,850 and raising to $4,000.
* Circuit Rider Share for Friendsville: Our current share is $860 and is raising to $1,259.

**CONCERNS**

* PTO Carnival May 5, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Benedict

Clerk/Treasurer