

**MINUTES**  
**May 15, 2017**

Attending the meeting were Mayor Spencer R. Schlosnagle, Council President Julia Sines, council members Sheryl MacLane, Fred Fox, Robert Sines, Jerry Fike and Clerk/Treasurer Karen Benedict. In the audience were Kimb Alexander, Ken Jasko, Terry Spear and Galen Beitzel, Pastor of the First Christian Church. Council member Pam Humberson was unable to attend the meeting.

**Call to Order:** Council President Julia Sines called the May 15, 2017 meeting of the Mayor and Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Galen Beitzel gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all who attended.

**Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:** Jerry moved to accept the agenda. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor. Sheryl moved to approve the minutes with the corrections noted. Jerry second the motion. All in favor.

**TO THE FLOOR**

Kimb Alexander came before council to ask if they would allow her and Dan Bourdeaux to plant 5 blueberry bushes in the Community Park during the June 11<sup>th</sup> Fracking Ban event. The blueberry bushes will take up an area of 5 feet by 30 feet. They agree to check for any hazardous lines that may be buried beneath the potential site, mulch the area around blueberries after planting and water them the first year. Different sites were discussed. This will be discussed and decided on later in the meeting. Kimb also asked if council would agree for Dan to donate eight bags of sand for the horseshoe pits before the Fracking Ban event. Bob moved to allow him to donate the sand. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor.

Terry Spear came before council to ask if the fire department could use the sound system again this year for the Fiddle/Banjo contest on July 15<sup>th</sup>. After discussion Fred moved to allow the Friendsville Fire and Rescue Department use the town's sound system for the 52<sup>nd</sup> annual Fiddle/Banjo contest on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor. Terry also suggested the town do some maintenance on the walking trail in the park as there are weeds growing up through some cracks in the pavement. He feels the town should take care of what we have now before taking on more projects, one of them being the wildlife platform that was just applied for. Rehab of the existing walking trail would be more beneficial than the new project.

Ken Jasko came before council concerning a letter he received from code enforcement concerning violations on his property. He was informed that council does not get involved with code enforcement issues. It all needs to be handled through the Code Enforcement Officer Jarrett Mahoney.

## **COMMITTEES**

**Buildings:** Williams Construction has completed the work in the park on the concession stand/changing room.

Bob will be meeting with Window World on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the museum. They will give us a proposal for roof and window improvements there.

We have had some requests from boaters using the changing room in the recreational parking lot to put something up so persons cannot see directly into the building. Screen door locks have been put on for now. A sign on the outside of building will be installed.

**Streets and Walks:** Paving will be done by the end of June if not before.

**Christmas:** December 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the Christmas home tour. We do have some interested homeowners.

**Economic Development:** Friendsville Way will be putting up a panel on the trailer at the Good to Go showing a regional map as well as saying "Friendsville, Gateway to Mountain Maryland".

Banner for the Celtic Festival: The committee is okay with the design for the banners.

Al Preston: Fred spoke with Al Preston concerning putting mile markers along Kendal Trail. He said there could possibly be carbonite poles with marker signs at ½ mile increments put along the trail and there would be no need for excavation.

Trail Towns: Fred spoke with Dave Kahley from West Newton, PA concerning the Trail Town Program. The Trail Town Program is an initiative of The Progress Fund and works in small rural towns across western Pennsylvania and western Maryland, focusing on community and economic development around trail tourism and outdoor recreation. Fred feels new businesses could benefit by this program.

Rack cards: The cards are finished at a cost of \$140 for \$1,000 cards. Spencer will distribute them to businesses and visitor centers.

**Safety:** Discussion on putting a chain link fence around the electrical panel in the stage area in the park. It should be a 2-gate system with Potomac Edison having their own lock for their gate.

**Park:** Phil Smith received the polycarbonate to fix the backboard in the park and with the help of the employees it will be fixed tomorrow.

## **TO THE FLOOR**

Crede Calhoun came to present an update on the Interactive Walking Tour. Sheryl, Julia, Fred and Spencer will proofread the markers for errors. Crede also spoke on the issue of putting mile markers up the Kendall Trail. He is a stakeholder of the trail and is against them and feels he should have a say.

## **COMMITTEES (Continued)**

**Trees and Shrubs:** After discussion on allowing Kimb Alexander and Dan Bourdeaux plant 5 blueberry bushes. Bob moves not to allow them to plant the bushes. Jerry seconds the motion. All in favor.

Jerry moved to purchase mulch to put around the trees on Maple Street. Julia seconds the motion. All in favor.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Preservation Maryland Grant: Fred looked into the grant and the roof on the museum would qualify. We could get up to \$10,000 with a 10% in-kind match by the town. There are historical guidelines involved with the grant, just not sure what they are at the present time. Discussion on fundraising by the Friend Family Association.
- Budget Items: Discussion on what to be placed in the new fiscal year budget. After discussion Sheryl moved to give the employees a .35 raise in wages in July and .35 in January. Bob seconds the motion. Sheryl, Bob, Julia for the motion. Fred and Jerry abstained. The state is raising the minimum wages again and the town needs to increase our employees to be fair. It was discussed to put extra money in building maintenance to do improvements to the museum.
- Lion's Club Lease: It was noted that council agreed to renew the Lion's Club lease on the concession stand for the same term as it is currently which was stated as being five years. It is only for four years presently. It will be changed in the minutes to reflect the renewal to four years. Sheryl moves to leave the \$100 annual user fee in the lease and bill them for year 2017. Jerry seconds the motion. All in favor.
- POS Application: Due May 31, 2017. Jerry moved to put improvements to the walking trail, additional high definition cameras for in the park and a chain link fence around the electrical box at the stage area in the application. Fred seconds the motion. All in favor.
- Street striping: Discussion on putting street markings across from Water Street Café. Jerry will check into this by the next meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Thank you from Erin McHenry-Sorber for the Friendsville Elementary first color run.
- SHA Routes Capital Projects.
- Invitation: Dr. Midcap's invitation for the groundbreaking for a new technology building. May 31, 2017 at 10:00 at the college.
- Drain cleaning: Scott Beitzel charges \$175 per hour. We have 6 or more drains. General consensus to have the drains cleaned. Spencer will contact Scott.

- Community Legacy application: We are second on their list of applications for this coming fiscal year.
- Friendsville Days Donation: after discussion Sheryl moved to donate \$250 to the Friendsville Days Committee. Jerry seconds the motion. Sheryl, Jerry, Julia for the motion. Bob abstained and Fred against.

## **CONCERNS**

- Wildlife platform donation by the town. The town is hoping we will not have to take the \$2,000 out of our general budget. We hope to get it through donations.
- Concerned with time spent by visitors presenting their items to council. There needs to be limits set by council.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Benedict  
Clerk/Treasurer