

MINUTES June 19, 2017

Attending the meeting were Mayor Spencer R. Schlosnagle, council members Julia Sines, Pam Humberson, Fred Fox, Sheryl Sines (who entered at 7:25), Bob Sines, Jerry Fike and Clerk/Treasurer Karen Benedict. In the audience was Pastor Marshall Bittinger.

Call to Order/Invocation: Council President Julia Sines called the June 19, 2017 meeting of the Mayor and Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Marshall Bittinger from the Friendsville Pentecostal Church gave the invocation.

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes: Pam moved to accept the agenda. Julia seconds the motion. All in favor. Pam moved to approve the minutes of June 5, 2017. Julia seconds the motion. All in favor.

TO THE FLOOR

There were no visitors in the audience.

COMMITTEES

Buildings: There was a discussion on the museum improvements and applying for a grant through Preservation Maryland. There is a list of contractors who qualify to do the work. Fred will speak with Peggy Jamison, Co-circuit rider for the municipalities on this grant application. Bob received a quote from Window World with the total for a metal roof and new windows of \$20,622.

Streets and Walks: The streets are ground and ready for paving the week of June 26th. Dave Demaree would like to have a lip put at the entrance to their business on Oak Street to keep water from running down onto their property.

Bob mentioned having something done on the alleyway behind 265 Maple Street. It was discussed before of having an area ground out trying to direct water away from their building.

Spencer received a complaint from a resident concerning the rumble strips on Second Avenue. After discussion on other options to try and slow drivers down before the intersection of Second Avenue and Maple Street, Pam moved to see about getting a stop ahead sign with flashing lights placed at the intersection of Walnut Street and Second Avenue and to remove the rumble strips due to un-anticipated noise caused by the strips. Bob seconds the motion. All in favor.

Fred presented a set of plans from Paul Nicole from state highway for the crosswalks that are in the plans for the spring/summer of 2018.

It was questioned why the millings were not placed on Alley 14 today as was motioned at a previous meeting. After discussion, it was stated the county would be milling again tomorrow and those millings will be put on the alley.

Economic Development: The business association will not be having their markets on Fridays during the summer months. They will hold them in September

Safety: Dirt on Water Street.

Park: (Sheryl entered at 7:25p.m.) The door locks on the ladies' restroom are broken in the bottom bathroom. The proposal from KeyLock to fix the broken door lock is \$585. This includes an aluminum lever with a panic bar, labor and the trip charge of \$45. Without the panic bar, \$310. After discussion, there was a general consensus to try to fix the lock ourselves.

Trees: Nothing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Museum: discussed earlier.
- Lion's Club Lease: Pam will bring the lease in after it is signed by two club members.
- Ordinance 2017-1: Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget. Spencer read the ordinance after which Pam moved to adopt it. Jerry seconds the motion. All in favor.
- Flood Insurance on utility building. Karen will get a proposal from our insurance company.
- Amended budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17: Karen explained the amended budget and asked for any questions from council. Pam moved to adopt the amended budget. Jerry seconds the motion. All in favor.
- ATV on town streets: Jerry questioned if the town will receive any of the fee from residents purchasing the tag from the county or can we charge a fee also. Karen will look into this for council.
- Robotic Team donation: After discussion, Pam moved to donate \$100 to the robotic team. Fred seconds the motion. All in favor.
- Program Open Space/Community Parks and Playground grant application: We may apply to parks and playground for anything we don't receive from Program Open Space. Spencer suggested also considering resurfacing the tennis court so persons will use it.
- Garrett County Commissioner's letter/ARC grant: Spencer spoke on the ARC grant application for the Kendall Trail Viewing Platform and how originally it was thought the platform would be placed on SHA property. Since meeting with SHA we have learned the property is actually owned by Brookfield Power. Another issue is we cannot match ARC funds with SHA Recreational Trails funds as they are both federal money. After discussion, it was agreed to send a letter to the Garrett County Commissioners asking to withdraw our Preliminary Project Form for the ARC grant from consideration.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Spencer presented the May Code Enforcement Report from officer Jarrett Mahoney.
- Spencer asked that a thank you letter be sent to Chestnut Ridge Nursery for the beautiful flowers they donated to the town to be planted in areas throughout the town.

- Spencer asked that a thank you letter be sent to Pam Jasper who graciously bought and planted the flowers at the flagpole at the entrance to Lion's Circle in the Community Park.
- Pavilion #1: A person who rented pavilion #1 reported she kept blowing electrical breakers during her picnic. Jerry will look into this.
- Grand Fondo: June 24th. They need volunteers if anyone is available to help.
- Laurel Highlands Outdoor Center called and spoke with Spencer on the condition of the lower bathroom. They reported they were filthy and the ball teams had been washing off their bases in the sink and sand was everywhere. Hand dryers were not working.
- Next Meeting, July 3, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

CONCERNS OF COUNCIL

Jerry reminded council of the decision to look into placing solar panels in the Community Park. This is allowed as long as it only supplies energy for the park itself.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Benedict
Clerk/Treasurer