

MINUTES June 5, 2017

Attending the meeting were Mayor Spencer R. Schlosnagle, council members Julia Sines, Pam Humberson, Fred Fox, Bob Sines, Jerry Fike and Clerk/Treasurer Karen Benedict. Council member Sheryl MacLane entered at 7:46. In the audience were Sheriff Corley, Marci McClive, Pam Gooch, Randy Humberson, Jennifer Glotfelty, and Terry Spear.

Call to Order: Council President Julia Sines called the June 5, 2017 general meeting of the Mayor and Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Jerry Fike 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. Jerry seconds the motion. All in favor. Pam moved to approve the minutes of May 15, 2017 with the correction noted. Jerry seconds the motion. All in favor. Pam moved to approve the budget meeting minutes of May 25, 2017. Jerry seconds the motion. All in favor.

TO THE FLOOR

Sheriff Rob Corley gave the April patrol report for Friendsville. He asked the town council to consider whether they wanted to participate in the new ATV regulations for the county. The towns can elect out if they chose. Effective October 8, 2017, ATV's will be permitted to ride on the road providing they have an operator's license, carry insurance and obtain a county permit. They cannot exceed 25 miles per hour, must ride on the farthest edge of the road and are limited to riding 2 miles on the road at a time. There was also a discussion on the recent thefts in the community. Sheriff Corley stressed the need for residents to document their items (serial numbers, video's, put initials on equipment, etc.) so if they are stolen they can be identified and returned.

Marci McClive came before council to thank them for everything they did in helping to make the Celtic Festival a great success. They estimated 1,000 in attendance with 50 free town tickets being used. Marci stated they would be leaving the head start building and need to purchase a storage unit to store their items. Would the town allow them to place it on town property? The council will discuss and leave her know their decision. They want to hold the festival in the park again on June 2, 2018.

Pam Gooch and Jennifer Glotfelty came before council requesting if they would consider increasing their donation and asking for help by council. This will be discussed later in the meeting and we will let them know council's decision.

Randy Humberson presented the Certificate of Insurance from the Lion's Club for the functions they are helping with and for the Lion's Club concession stand. He also presented a check in

the amount of \$257.65 for money owed for reimbursement of electric for the concession stand and \$100 for the annual use of the building.

Terry Spear came before council for several reasons. First to let council know that he and daughter Caitlin McCormick are donating flowers for the Steele Cemetery. He also wanted to ask on behalf of the fire department for a donation for the 52nd annual Fiddle/Banjo Contest on July 15th. They are receiving a grant from the Garrett County Arts Council. They would like to have \$400 but would appreciate anything we could give. This will be discussed later in the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buildings: Bob has not received the proposal from Window World for the roof and window improvements to the museum building.

Streets and Walks: Storm drain caving in by 126 Walnut Street. After discussion Jerry moved to repair the storm drain at a cost of \$330 by Williams Construction. Bob seconds the motion. All in favor.

The streets that are to be milled and repaved are marked and ready when the county can do the work.

Beitzel Excavating will do additional drains that need cleaned on Wednesday.

Christmas: Karen will put in the Friendsville News anyone wanting to participate in the Christmas Home tours to please contact Town Hall.

Economic Development: Fred reported the Friendsville Way's Marker's Market was a success. Fred questioned the Floatilla Race. Who is organizing it and the date. He was unaware of the event. Chara Whittemore and Nancy Zbel are organizing the event for July 29th.

Safety: Spencer showed a copy that was done before of the emergency preparedness checklist. (Sheryl entered at 7:46 p.m.)

The proposal for the chain link fence around the electrical box at the stage from Industrial Fence is \$3,090. This was written into the Program Open Space grant.

The Garrett County Roads Department put the rumble strips and road signage on Second Avenue between Maple and Walnut Street.

Park: Jerry stated we need signage to the park. This was discussed before and written into the Community Legacy application which we will learn if we receive it late fall.

Cemeteries: Jerry stated we need to see if the Friend Family could help with either of the Friend cemeteries either by monetary donation or by mowing it.

Trees and Shrubs: The tree committee met today and are considering a grant with the Urban and Community Forestry Committee. Discussion on what trees should be taken down per DNR forester Becky Wilson.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Bob will try to get the proposal from Window World.
- Lion's Club Lease agreement put on hold. We need the officers to sign the lease.
- Street striping: Discussion. Still waiting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Curbing on Chestnut Street near the Rescue Squad: Discussion on what to do since a lot of it is loose. Jerry moved to remove the curbing and pave straight to the grass for now. Put curbing later if needed. All in favor. Discussion on parking on Chestnut Street near Friendship Heights. Pam stated she would like the millings placed on Alley 14 behind her home. The court Judgement stated "Alley No. 14, in the Town of Friendsville, shall have the same status as existed prior to the recording of said Quitclaim deed." Discussion. Bob moved to put the millings on Alley 14. Sheryl seconds the motion. Julia, Sheryl, Bob, Fred for the motion. Jerry and Pam abstains. Pam abstained because of conflict of interest.
- Ordinance 2017-1, "2017-18 Fiscal Year Budget": Spencer read the first reading of the ordinance.
- Williams Construction Proposal: Discussed earlier for storm drain at 126 Walnut Street. It was for \$330.
- Friendsville Community Watch Invitation: June 12th at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center in the park. A dinner in recognition of working together with the Community Watch in Friendsville. All council members, Mayor Schlosnagle and Karen will be attending.
- Celtic Storage building: Discussion. Jerry moved to allow them to place a storage building by the garage on the creek side as long as it is okay with our insurance. Sheryl seconds the motion. Jerry, Sheryl, Bob, Julia and Pam for the motion. Fred abstained because he is a board member.
- Friendsville Day's addition donation: After discussion Jerry moves to give an additional \$300 to Friendsville Days and \$400 to the Friendsville Fire Department for the Fiddle/Banjo contest. Fred seconds the motion. Discussion. Fred and Jerry for the motion. Pam, Sheryl, Bob and Julia against the motion. Fred moved to donate \$250 to the Friendsville Day's and \$250 to the Fire Department with stipulations that the Friendsville Day's Committee try to obtain cheaper insurance and make sure not to have items listed in the insurance duplicated; announce sponsors and businesses who make donations; and council recommends changing the event to August as it was in previous years so it doesn't conflict with the Garrett County Fair, etc. Jerry seconds the motion. Jerry, Fred, Bob, Pam Julia for the motion. Sheryl against. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Grass in the streets: Put in the paper for residents not to mow grass in the streets as it could block the storm drains.

- Phil Smith: General consensus to send a thank you card to Phil Smith for helping to install the basketball backboard in the park.
- Changing room sign: General consensus to send a thank you card to Mike Robinson for making the sign for on the changing room in the recreational parking lot so persons know what the building is used for.
- Chestnut Ridge: They are going to donate flowers as they have in previous years.
- Garrett County Commissioners are having their monthly meeting in Friendsville July 17th at 5:00 p.m. before our regular council meeting.
- The Corp of Engineers have been notified there are two trees down in the river along the walking trail.

CLERK'S REPORT AND PAYABLES

Jerry moved to accept the Clerk's Report. Julia seconds the motion. All in favor.
Jerry moved to approve the payables. Julia seconds the motion. All in favor.

CONCERNS

Dogs running loose and people not picking up after them.
Suggested having speed bumps larger going into the Community Park.
Facebook postings.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Benedict
Clerk/Treasurer