

MINUTES July 17, 2017

Attending the meeting were Mayor Spencer R. Schlosnagle, council members President Julia Sines, Pamela Humberson, Sheryl MacLane, Fred Fox, Bob Sines, Jerry Fike and Clerk/Treasurer Karen Benedict. In the audience was Sheriff Rob Corley.

Call to Order/Invocation: Council President Julia Sines called the July 17, 2017 meeting of the Mayor and Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Vicar Tyler Graham of the Grace Lutheran Church gave the invocation at the beginning of the Commissioners open meeting so no invocation was given at the beginning of our meeting.

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 of July 3, 2017 with the approved additions per Fred. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor.

TO THE FLOOR

Sheriff Rob Corley gave the town June activity report. He was questioned on the new law allowing ATV's to run on roads as long as they obey certain rules, have insurance and have obtained a permit through the county. Jerry had questioned if the town could have any portion of the fee or charge their own fee for a permit. Rob is not sure how the town could enforce it if we charge for our own permit. The towns are excluded from the law unless we join in and allow the ATV's in town. He was questioned on whether a golf cart would be allowed to run on the roads if a permit was purchased. He will check into this. They have to have headlights, tail lights and blinker lights.

COMMITTEES

Buildings: Peggy Jamison is researching the guidelines for Preservation Maryland.

Streets and Walks: A storm drain pipe fell in near the First Christian Church on Chestnut Street. Chris Williams was contacted and filled it in with plastic barrels and dirt.

After discussion Jerry moved to purchase our own line painting machine at a cost of approximately \$200 along with two cases of paint. Bob seconds the motion. Jerry, Fred, Bob, Julia and Sheryl for the motion. Pam against the motion. Motion carried.

Christmas: Sheryl spoke with Wanda Guard concerning the quilt show in the churches for on the same day as the Christmas Open House Tour. She has not heard back from her yet.

Economic Development: Friendsville Days is moving along. They are having the free meal on Friday evening and need some volunteers for both days of the event. There is to be a church service on Sunday morning in the Community Park at 10:30 a.m. with a covered dish dinner following the service.

Fred spoke with Marci Ross from the Maryland Department of Tourism and Bill Atkinson of Appalachian Regional Commission recently. They proposed the town get 8 to 12 volunteers to fill out a Trail Town Assessment Survey which could help identify ways the town could improve our visitors experience. After discussion, Fred moved to go forward with the survey as there is no cost to the town and it could help us greatly. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor.

Safety: The bench in the community park by the river is being pulled out due to the river bank washing away behind it after the heavy rain. Representatives from the Army Corps of Engineers came and looked at the trees in the park. They will check and see if they are on their property and get back with us. Jerry recommends sending a letter to the Corps informing them in writing of our tree issues.

The stop sign at the Jubilee Diner is too low and needs to be raised higher. Jerry will report this to the Garrett County Roads Department.

Park: We purchased 6 seven-foot picnic tables from G & W Lumber at \$110 per table with a \$10 delivery fee.

Spencer presented the new proposal from Gatto Electric. Kody Suter said his previous price still stood as before. Dred had suggested to Spencer to wait until after Friendsville Days and see if the new breakers would make a difference.

Trees and Shrubs: We were informed by a resident that Les Halapy was concerned with the 3 trees along Third Avenue needing cut down. Julia spoke with Mary Lou Halapy, who stated at the present time they were only concerned with the broken limb that was damaged during a storm. Dred was going to cut it off the tree.

Several trees are dead going into the Community/Senior Center. The Corps is looking into this also.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Flood Insurance: Karen spoke with Scott Soderstrom from LGIT and he was able to reduce the flood/earthquake insurance by \$30. It will be \$524 per year for all of our structures.
- ATV permits: Council waiting to make a decision until after learning more on what is classified as permitted on the roads. Example: golf carts.
- Community Parks and Playground application: It was agreed to purchase an enclosed bulletin board case to be put on the kiosk so the items can be enclosed and purchase one round picnic table for in the playground area. There was a discussion on a new concession stand for future applications.
- Steel Cemetery donation request letter: There was a discussion on how to find the families of persons buried in the cemetery. Council will look over the proposed letter and make suggestions at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Street signs at the post office/car wash: It was recommended to put yield signs at the alley intersection near the post office/car wash. Jerry will speak with the county and see what they suggest for there.
- Engineering Proposals for the Maple Street Trailer Park Main collection line: An additional \$10,000 was received from Community Development Block Grant for the engineering specifications for the sewer line to the trail park since most of the tenants are income eligible. After discussion Jerry moved to accept the bid proposal for the collection line from Highland Engineering in the amount of \$8,010. Pam seconds the motion. All in favor.
- Waterway Improvement Grant Application: The town is eligible to apply for up to \$5,000 in Waterway funds. After discussion, it was agreed for Spencer to speak with Chris Williams and see what could be done to make improvements to the takeout ramp in the park.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Blighted Properties: Spencer presented a report from Code Enforcement Officer Jarrett Mahoney on blighted properties in the county he prepared for Community Action. They are considering applying for grant monies through CDBG in 2018 to help with these properties.
- Lion's Club Lease: Karen received the signed lease from Lion's Club President Randy Humberson.
- Trees needing trimmed: There are several trees around town on town property that need trimmed
- Solar panels in the park: Spencer will speak with Brian Bowers from the County roads department and see who installed theirs.
- AL-GAR dinner: August 16, 2017 at Loch Lynn Top Chefs Restaurant on Alder Street. Deadline is August 7th.
- Discussion on Cameras in the Community Park.

Pam moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Benedict
Clerk/Treasurer