

MINUTES August 7, 2017

Attending the meeting were Mayor Spencer R. Schlosnagle, council members President Julia Sines, Pamela Humberson, Sheryl MacLane (entered at 7:25), Fred Fox, Bob Sines, Jerry Fike and Clerk/Treasurer Karen Benedict. In the audience was Rob Smith and Dana Umbel.

Call to Order/Invocation: Council President Julia Sines called the August 7, 2017 meeting of the Mayor and Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Dana Umbel of the Sand Spring Church of God gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all who attended.

Approval of the agenda and minutes: Pam moved to accept the agenda. Bob seconds the motion. All in favor. Pam moved to approve the minutes of July 17, 2017. Fred seconds the motion. All in favor.

TO THE FLOOR

Rob Smith came before council asking the town to participate in the Sustainable Maryland Program. It is a free and voluntary certification program for municipalities in Maryland that want to go green, save money, and take steps to sustain their quality of life. The town would have to adopt a Resolution to get started. This could also help us in securing future grants.

COMMITTEES

Buildings: Fred reported there would be a \$1,000 match to the \$10,000 maximum Preservation Maryland grant. There was a discussion on doing part of the improvements using the \$10,000 and saving the remainder of repairs needed for a later time or grant. The deadline is September 16th. Fred will look into it a little further and see what is and is not allowed.

Streets/Walks: Nothing.

Christmas: Wanda Guard will help with the quilt show and getting it ready as she helped with it during our anniversary event in 2015. There was a discussion on whether there would be a charge and if so how much.

Economic Development: the trail town assessment surveys are not complete yet. The Friendsville Makers Market is scheduled for September 16th. Friendsville Day's has been moved to August 10th and 11th next year. There was a discussion on movie night as that is the same night as it was this year. Spencer suggested having it on Friday evening next year. He will speak with Community Watch and the Fire Department and see if this works for them.

Safety: Emergency preparedness: Spencer is concerned with the recent flooding, it was suggested we review our Emergency evacuation plans in case of an emergency. Julia will contact John Frank and look further into this.

Community Park: Fred reported that Gene Sines would like for the town to consider replacing the Lion's Club concession building in the park. He feels it is not safe any longer. Discussion. When applying for grant funding through Community Parks and Playground there needs to be a blueprint with a cost proposal from a contractor included and we do not have enough time to

get this since the application must be in by August 16th. There should be communication between the Lion's Club, the fire department and other groups interested in using it along with the town to see what size building is wanted and what is wanted in the building.

Trees and Shrubs: Les Halapy is now wanting three trees cut on the Third Avenue side of his property. One of the trees roots are going through his storm drain pipes and toward his foundation. DNR Forester Becky Wilson came and looked at the trees and will okay the permit because of the factors just stated but she wanted to know whose responsibility it is for the permit: the towns' or Les Halapy. Spencer confirmed they are town trees. After discussion Jerry moved to have the trees cut down at the town's expense. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor. Spencer will get proposals from Kevin Savage and Wesley's Tree Service.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ATV permits: After discussion, Jerry moved to join in with the County's ATV permits and allow ATV on streets in town with the proper permits beginning October 8th 2017 as long as we do not have any problems. Bob seconds the motion. Pam, Julia, Fred, Bob and Jerry for the motion. Sheryl against the motion. Motion carried.
- Steele Cemetery request for donations: tabled until next meeting.

TO THE FLOOR

Terry Spear came before council (at 7:44 p.m.) to update council on the fiddle/banjo contest and movie in the park, Saturday, August 12th. Council then asked Terry what his thoughts were on having movie night next year on Friday night after the free meal during Friendsville Days. He feels it may be a good idea. He was then asked about the town's emergency preparedness policy. He stated the fire department is in the process of getting a Weatherby alerting system that can alert residents of emergencies. We could use it as well.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- Street sign/4-way intersection: Jerry spoke with the county and they suggested leaving it the way it is. The main concern is the alley between Maple Street and Walnut Street.
- Electrical upgrade in the park: Friendsville Day's is over and there were no electrical issues. We received new proposals from Bob Gatto and Kody Suter. After discussion, it was agreed to wait until spring and make a decision.
- Engineering Agreement for sewer project up Maple Street: After discussion Jerry moved we sign the Engineering Agreement with Highland Engineering for the design and permitting services for sewer collection and conveyance to the Bear Creek Court sewer lift station. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

- Thank you, Celtic Festival: Spencer read two thank you letters from the Garrett County Celtic Festival. Next year's date is June 2nd.
- Sustainable Maryland Resolution: Spencer recommended we move forward with this. After discussion, Fred moved to move forward and have Karen prepare the resolution needed for our August 21st meeting and to proceed with the Sustainable Maryland program. Jerry seconds the motion. All in favor.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Corps of Engineers: A letter was sent to the Pittsburgh office of the Corps of Engineers concerning the trees along the walking trail and river bed that are leaning and present a safety issue.
- Solar for the park: Spencer spoke with Brian Bowers from the county. They went with Solar City who is now Tesla out of California. Spencer will contact them and Standard Solar.
- MML Board Retreat: After discussion Pam moved to send Spencer to the MML Board Retreat at a cost of \$105 for lodging plus mileage on August 26th. Bob seconds the motion. All in favor.

CLERK'S REPORT AND PAYABLES

Sheryl moved to accept the Clerk's Report for July 2017. Pam seconds the motion. All in favor. After a question from Fred on the payables, Jerry moved to approve the payables. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor.

CONCERNS

Pam gave everyone a Lion's Club Survey to fill out. They are recruiting members and are also wanting suggestions on what the Lion's Club could do for Friendsville.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Benedict
Clerk/Treasurer