

## MINUTES August 21, 2017

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

**Invocation/ Pledge:** Council President Julia Sines called the August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Mayor and Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Reverend Bessey of the Friendsville Methodist Charge gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all attending the meeting.

**Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:** Jerry moved to accept the agenda for tonight's meeting. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor. Pam moved to approve the Minutes of August 7, 2017. Jerry seconds the motion. All in favor.

### COMMITTEES

**Buildings:** Fred gave a brief report on the Preservation Grant Application. After discussion, Fred moved to proceed with the application for \$10,000 with a \$1,000 town match. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor.

**Streets and Walks:** There was a discussion on the saw cut on Park Street. After discussion, it was agreed to hold off for now in having it fixed. Spence will speak with Terry Peterson on the sidewalk issue at 150 Walnut Street.

**Christmas Activities:** There was a discussion on getting the quilts for the Christmas Home Tour event to be viewed in the area churches. It was suggested that proceeds go toward the upkeep of the Steele Cemetery.

**Economic Development:** Makers Market is scheduled for September 16, 2017. The construction of pillars at the entrance to the Kendall trail is still on schedule for September.

**Safety:** John Frank, Director of the Garrett County Emergency Management will attend our meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup> and will speak on emergency preparedness.

**Park:** The spring on one of the bouncy riding toys in the park were broken off by someone in the park. Karen is looking on the cameras to see what can be found on them and it will be addressed with the police.

### TO THE FLOOR

Ken Jasko came before council concerning his property. He was informed that he must work with those addressing the issues.

### COMMITTEES (CONTINUED)

**Trees:** We have not received a proposal from Kevin Savage of Skyline Excavating and Tree Service or Wesley Tree Removal for the removal of a tree at Les Halapy's. Originally it was requested to have all three taken down on the Third Street side of the property. The owners

are requesting that only the first tree be taken down. Becky Wilson cannot sign off on a tree permit until a contractor is found. Spence was asked to check with Kevin again.

Spencer spoke with the Army Corp of Engineers from Pittsburgh and they are behind on their jobs. They stated the town has in their agreement that we will use and help maintain the area in the park that is theirs. They will cut down the trees but it will be our responsibility to clean up the area.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Steele Cemetery: Fred has looked over the cemetery plot map that he was given from town hall. After looking over the names listed, he is unsure how to go about finding some of the families to ask for a donation for the upkeep of the cemetery.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Resolution 2017- 4: Friendsville Resolution Supporting Participation in the Sustainable Maryland Municipal Certification Program. Spencer read the Resolution after which Jerry moved to approve Resolution 2017-4. Fred seconds the motion. All in favor.
- Woodmen Life: Chapter #45 of Woodmen Life will hold their annual 9/11 Honor and Remembrance on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Friendsville Fire and Rescue building.
- DHCD letter: Spencer read the letter from Kenneth Holt stating the Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc. has been selected to participate as a sponsor in the Maryland Town Manager Circuit Rider Program. DHCD will provide the eight municipalities with \$72,185 to assist with two years of funding for staff costs.
- LGIT Membership: Spencer presented a letter from Timothy S. Ailsworth along with the Certificate of Membership in the Local Government Insurance Trust for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Solar Companies: Spencer tried to contact the two solar companies as requested. Rob Bessler of Standard Solar stated that our annual usage is relatively small-too small for them to consider doing our panels. He recommended we get with other nonprofits to go into this together. Spencer has not heard back from Brent Eskay of Tesla Solar.
- It was suggested to purchase fluorescent letters for the signs in the Community Park so the signs can be seen at night.
- The bat houses in the Community park need repaired.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,