

MINUTES
September 18,2017

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 Pastor John Wyrick, Terry Spear, and John Frank. Ken Jasko entered at 6:45 p.m.

Call to Order: Council President Julia Sines called the September 18, 2017 meeting of the Mayor and Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Pastor John Wyrick of the Rush Baptist Church gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all attending the 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 August 21, 2017. Julia seconds the motion. All in favor.

TO THE FLOOR

Mr. John Frank, Director-Garrett County Management, came to address any concerns of council concerning emergency preparedness. He asks for council to notify him first and then he notifies the proper authorities.

Megan Humberson came before council to question whether the town feels they would benefit from another daycare in town. She has already spoken with Community Action and was directed to speak with town council. She already has a daycare in Oakland and is interested in putting one here as well. After discussion, there was a general consensus for her to proceed with the daycare if everything can be worked out with Community Action who manages the building.

Ken Jasko came before council concerning the Charter Amendment Resolution that will be discussed this evening. He is concerned with some of the language that was in the prior proposed amendment. He was shown a copy of the proposed resolution and was satisfied.

COMMITTEES

Buildings: Fred looked further into the Maryland Historical Preservation Grant and had spoken with the Department of the Interior and decided it would be more beneficial to apply in the spring. There is a 2 to 3-month turnaround for the money.

Streets and Walks: Jerry received a proposal from R & M Paving for filling in the cracks on town owned streets. His proposal was for 1400 lineal feet at a cost of \$3,850. After discussion Bob moved to have R & M Paving proceed with the work. Jerry seconds the motion. All in favor.

TO THE FLOOR

Robin Sines, Election Board Chairperson, came before council to present the proposed changes made by her committee to the town charter on elections. Her main concern is changing the last date to petition for office as the current time frame does not give her enough

time should there be any issues to have ballots printed and send them out and be returned. After discussion, Jerry moved to have our attorney move forward with the process for the Charter Amendment Resolution. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor.

COMMITTEES (Continued)

Streets and Walks (continued): Pam said the walkway at the Post Office door is very bumpy and she is concerned someone will trip. Jerry and Bob will look into this and speak with Dave Livengood whose family owns the building.

TO THE FLOOR (Continued)

Dr. Nate Sorber, Garrett County Board of Education Board Member, came before council to speak on the school board, its schools and being transparent. They are working on a 5-year plan currently to protect the community schools.

Terry Spear (entered at 8:00 p.m.) came before council to let them know that the ATV permit meeting that was to be held at the firehall on Tuesday, September 19th will be held in the rescue squad building instead.

COMMITTEES (Continued)

Christmas: Sheryl spoke on the town Christmas event December 2nd. Wanda Guard will not be able to help with the quilt show as previously thought. After discussion, council agreed against having the quilt show this year.

Economic Development: Maker's Market that was held recently went over really well. Fred asked that a thank you be sent to Tabitha Troutwein for the work she did organizing the event. Fred reported the trail assessment has not been completed for Trail Town.

Safety: Sidewalk at 150 Walnut Street has not been taken care of yet. Spencer had spoken with Terry Peterson and informed her that it is her responsibility since she tore it up, per council. After discussion, it was agreed to send her a letter informing her that the sidewalk needs to be scheduled for repair by Williams Construction within one week of receiving her letter. Jerry moved to send a certified letter. Fred seconds the motion. All in favor.

Park: There was a discussion on cameras in the park.

Trees: Discussion on tree in the alley behind Carol Edministon's.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Standard Solar: Will try to get more information and discuss it at a future meeting.
- Trees in the park on Corps property: Spencer reported the corps cut down 10 trees and did not want them. Persons who use wood in town took the wood. The inmates helped with clean up and the employees used the municipalities chipper. They will come back the first of October to take down more trees.
- Tree at Maple Street/Third Avenue: Jerry moved to have Kevin Savage cut the Maple tree at Les Halapy at a cost of \$700. Fred seconds the motion. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

- Walk to School Day, October 4, 2017: the school would like for the town to sponsor the event and then support it. Spencer will speak with Principal Jamie Friend about participating with us.
- Halloween: Sheryl moved to have Trick or Treat on Tuesday, October 31st from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Jerry seconds the motion. All in favor.
- Maryland State Highway Salt Agreement: Jerry moved to accept and have Spencer sign the salt agreement so we can get salt if we should need it. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor.
- Fall conference attendees: Sheryl, Jerry and Spencer would like to attend the conference. After discussion Bob moved to send all three to the conference. Sheryl seconds the motion. Julia, Pam, Sheryl, Bob and Jerry for the motion. Fred against the motion. Motion carried.
- DHCD/Kevin Baynes Letter: This letter is asking for a written notification and the opportunity to comment on Applications received under the Community Legacy Program and Strategic Demolition Fund. This pertains to our grant to fund new signage in town. A letter will be written and sent to the proper authorities.
- Leo Martin: the town received a thank you for the donation in memory of Mayor Leo Martin who recently passed away. This went to the Southern Athletic Club.
- Whitewater Classic: A letter was received along with a deposit for takeout fees for this rafting season.
- Slide-in dump: Spencer presented a proposal from Bennett's Truck Parts and Trailer Parts for \$3,614. After discussion, Pam moved to purchase the 8' easy dump insert delivered to the town. Julia seconds the motion. All in favor.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Storm drains: Beitzel Excavating came and cleaned more storm drains recently.
- Stop sign with blinking lights: Once we alter a stop sign by putting blinking lights on it, it is now our responsibility. Think on this till the next meeting, whether we want to have lights put on the stop sign on Second Avenue.
- Herschel Allen: He has concerns that the neighboring property owner moved some pins on a town alleyway.
- Fall cleanup: Once leaves begin to fall the employees should begin collecting leaves.

CLERK'S REPORT AND PAYABLES

Sheryl moved to accept the Clerk's Report. Pam seconds the motion. All in favor.
Sheryl moved to approve the Payables. Pam seconds the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Benedict, Clerk/Treasurer

