

## MINUTES October 2, 2017

Attending the meeting were Mayor Spencer R. Schlosnagle, council members, Julia Sines, Pamela Humberson, Sheryl Sines, Fred Fox, Robert Sines, Jerry Fike, Clerk/Treasurer Karen Benedict, and Pastor Daymond Schmuck. Entering at 6:05 after the meeting began was Terry Peterson, Bob Allen and Jess Whittemore.

**Call to Order/Invocation:** Council President Julia Sines called the October 2, 2017 meeting of the Mayor and Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Daymond Schmuck of the Mill Run Mercy Chapel 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 for tonight's meeting. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor. Pam moved to approve the minutes of September 18, 2017. Julia seconds the motion. All in favor. Sheryl moved to approve the Executive Session minutes of September 18, 2017. Pam seconds the motion. All in favor.

### COMMITTEES

**Buildings:** Nothing.

**Streets and Walks:** 2 ton of patching materials was recently purchased from Keystone Lime and was used at various places around town including the area at the post office. They are concerned with ice in the parking lot in the winter months.

### TO THE FLOOR

Terry Peterson, who lives at 146 Walnut Street, came before council concerning the sidewalk at the entrance to her property. She had been having trouble with the water pressure coming into her home for many years and it has continuously gotten worse. She hired someone to come and replace the water line which included the water pressure valve. They could not get to the pressure valve without tearing up the sidewalk and she feels the work the town had done a few years ago to put a drainage culvert at the entrance to the driveway made it nearly impossible to get to the pressure valve. Several members of the mayor and town council came and looked at the project. The town had sent her a letter giving her one week from the day she received the letter to schedule Chris Williams to replace the sidewalk that was torn up. After approaching Chris, he wouldn't fix it as she wanted it fixed. She feels the town should pay to have it replaced. Spencer had contacted Chris and received a proposal for a new sidewalk in the amount of \$845. After several questions and discussion, it was decided the council was not aware of the whole situation after which Fred moved to pay to have the sidewalk replaced. Pam seconds the motion. Fred, Pam, Bob, Jerry and Sheryl for the motion. Julia abstained because of conflict of interest.

Grant Rumble, District Executive, for the Boy Scouts of American, Laurel Highlands Council, came before council to see if they knew of any parents or grandparents who may be interested in starting a Cub Scout Pack, which is for grades 1 through 5, in Friendsville. There is none currently. He left his contact information should we find anyone who is interested.

Sheriff Corley came before council to speak on the new ATV bill that went into effect October 1<sup>st</sup>. The permits can be purchased through the county for \$25 and must be affixed to the vehicle. Riders must wear a helmet, use seat belts if required by the manufacturer, carry insurance, not exceed 25 miles per hour, and only have the required number of riders as permitted by the manufacturer. He does not recommend the town selling its own sticker.

## **COMMITTEES**

**Streets:** R & M Paving put tar in all the seams in the roads as requested by council. The employees have been repainting the parking lines.

**Christmas:** There will be a meeting tomorrow night.

**Economic Development:** Al Preston looked at the pillars at the entrance to the Kendal Trail and will know by the end of the week if they can be anchored into the ground. He will look into getting signage also.

**Safety:** There are numerous street signs that need repainted. Julia will contact John Frank about having a public meeting in regards to Emergency Preparedness.

**Community Park:** There was a discussion on the cameras we have in the park.

**Trees:** Julia read an email from DNR Forester Becky Wilson stating we do not have to have a roadside tree permit for the tree at Carol Edmiston's alleyway. Kevin Savage of Skyline Excavating and Tree Removal will take the tree down for \$400 or take it down and remove all of it for \$800. After discussion, Jerry moved to only cut the tree down at a cost of \$400. The town will allow whomever wants the tree can remove it. Bob seconds the motion. All in favor.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- National Walk to School Night: Principal Jamie Friend will meet with the Mayor and what council members and students who are available to participate in the walk on Wednesday morning, October 4th.
- Charter Amendment Resolution 2017-5: Spencer read the resolution, Pam moved to adopt the Charter Amendment Resolution. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor.
- Stop sign with blinking lights: Tom Holland from the county roads will look into this after their paving projects are done. They could possibly put a larger stop sign as well as a "caution stop ahead" sign on Second Avenue. General consensus to allow the county to make the decision on this.
- Solar proposal: Spencer spoke with Jamie Friend principal at Friendsville Elementary on putting solar panels on the school. He will speak with representatives of the fire department, rescue squad and public utilities to see if they are interested in joining us in installing solar panels to help with electric savings.
- Bear Creek Sewer Hookup Project: Spencer gave a brief report on the status of the Bear Creek sewer hookup project.

- Slide-in Dump: It was learned that the slide-in dump will not work with our truck as we had previously thought. Pam moved to rescind the motion to purchase the slide-in dump that was made on September 18, 2017. Julia seconds the motion. All in favor.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- AL-GAR dinner: The next AL-GAR dinner is scheduled for November 8, 2017 in Frostburg. It is the Legislative dinner so Spencer would like for all council who can attend to do so.
- ATV/Snowmobile Sticker: for the record the council does not want to pursue selling their own sticker for ATV/Snowmobile riders to purchase before riding into town.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Employees are getting ready to put the leaf box on and will begin collecting leaves.
- Rob Smith is helping us register for Maryland Sustainable Committees.
- Town Rack Cards: Discussion on updating the rack cards. After discussion, Sheryl moves to purchase 2,500 rack cards for \$205 to be paid for out of our accommodations taxes. Pam seconds the motion. All in favor.
- Executive Sessions: Spencer suggested we add to our agenda each week "Executive Session if needed". After discussion there was a general consensus to add this to our agenda. It was also noted to put "Please be respectful and limit your comments when coming before council".

### **CLERK'S REPORT AND PAYABLES**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Benedict  
Clerk/Treasurer