

## MINUTES November 6, 2017

Attending the meeting were Mayor Spencer R. Schlosnagle, council members Julia Sines, Pam Humberson (who entered at 7:05), Sheryl MacLane, Bob Sines, Jerry Fike and Clerk/Treasurer Karen Benedict. In the audience was Pastor Galen Beitzel from the First Christian Church. Council Member Fred Fox was unable to attend the meeting.

**Call to Order and Invocation:** Council President Julia Sines called the November 6, 2017 general meeting of the Mayor and Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Pastor Galen Beitzel.

**Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:** Jerry moved to approve the agenda. Bob seconds the motion. All in favor. Jerry moved to approve the minutes of October 2, 2017 with correction noted. Julia seconds the motion. All in favor.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Buildings:** Jerry reported the utility building needs a new heating system. He recommended a propane heater with fans in the ceiling. Byco will come and give us a proposal.

Spencer reported on speaking with Charlotte Lake for a grant through Maryland Historical Trust for a new roof and windows. She stated they will give up to \$100,000. However, the work would need to be done in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, so it's unlikely that vinyl windows would apply, both because they would not be historically appropriate and because they are not likely to last anywhere near as long as wooden windows. Jerry asked that we let municipal circuit rider Peggy Jamison look further into the grant and its guidelines.

The Friend Family has requested a new fence at the cemetery behind the Good to Go. They stated they would pay for the materials if the town will take the old one down and put the new one up. After discussion it was agreed for Bob and Jerry to get with the employees to measure around the cemetery and then get estimates to replace the fence. They would also like to have an handi-capped ramp built into the museum.

**Safety:** Julia will speak with John Frank from Emergency Management to set up some dates to have a public meeting for emergency awareness.

**Streets/Walks:** The employees will finish painting the parking lines when the weather allows.

### TO THE FLOOR

The town employees came before council to discuss snow plowing provisions for this winter as well as other issues brought by council or the employees. Items discussed were:

- The 3-inch rule when coming out to plow snow. This remains the same unless it is sleeting.
- Who will be calling them out to work during the storm: Spencer will continue to oversee the employees unless he is out of town.
- Anti-skid: Dred suggested getting one tri-axle load at the present time.
- Heritage Walking Trail sign: Can the sign at the fire hall be removed for the winter months so it is not damaged during snow removal? Yes.

- Deadline for leaf pickup: This is up to the town employees.
- Furnace in the utility building is not working properly.
- Bottom bathroom odors: After discussion, Jerry moved to install automatic flushers in the lower bathroom concession stand bathroom in the Spring. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor.
- Playground equipment: a representative from Playground Specialist is coming to inspect our equipment this week. (Pam Humberson entered at 7:05)
- Undercoating of town truck: After discussion Jerry moved to spray the undercarriage of the F-350 with rustproofing at a cost of no more than \$300 by Wassells Auto & Truck Repair. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor.

## **COMMITTEES**

**Christmas:** The Christmas home tour is cancelled. Several homeowners have cancelled leaving only two homes. After discussion, Pam moved to have M & M Bakery provide food for our annual Christmas dinner on December 18<sup>th</sup> at the Friendsville Community Center at a cost of \$15 per person with desserts costing extra. Jerry second the motion. All in favor.

Christmas Decorating Contest will be held again this year. After discussion, Pam moved for the town to sponsor the decorating contest and pay the same prize money as last year. \$40 first place: \$30 second place: \$20 third place and \$25 first place business. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor.

Employee Christmas bonus: After discussion, Pam moved to give the employee the same bonuses as they received last year. Sheryl seconds the motion. Julia, Pam, Sheryl, Jerry for the motion. Bob against the motion. Motion carried.

**Economic Development:** The sign at the entrance to the Kendal Trail has been put up but we have heard nothing about the gate.

**Trees/Shrubs:** The trees have been cut down by Skyline Excavating and Tree Service at Les Halapy's and Carol Edmiston's. Council has agreed to have the tree at Edmiston's cut but let the limbs remain. Pam reported a tree along the riverbank across from Pearl Bittner's needs taken down. It is falling toward the road. It was agreed to contact DNR Forester Becky Wilson to see whose responsibility it is to take down the tree.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Nothing.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Give their New Year's Eve regulations: Ken's Irish Pub is allowed to be open on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> due to it being New Year's Eve. Any other time it is prohibited.
- PACE Reception: January 25-26, 2017. Spencer reported the new Library Director Thomas Vose is attending the funder's meeting to ask for funding for a new library. The library is having a community conversation meeting in the library tonight for persons to input on our local library. There are also several other dates for the same reason.
- Bonnie Artice letter: Bonnie wrote a letter to council asking that they consider putting in a skate park in the Community Park to provide a safe and designated place for the skateboarders, roller skaters, and even scooter riders to perfect their skills. She is willing to work with the town, and

create a group/committee who will assist in working toward this goal. She assured council that she can gather a lot of signatures of those who support this addition to our Community park.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Sewer Hook-up: Spencer spoke with John Sanders from Highland Engineering about the sewer hook-up along Bear Creek. He feels we may not be able to get it done this year because agencies have not signed off on permits.
- Senior Center: Community Action put new doors at the entrance into the Senior Center on Community Drive. Spencer informed Elaine, the building supervisor, of the leak in the roof at the center.
- Community Legacy: Spencer informed council of the town receiving \$10,000 of what we applied for in Community Legacy funding for signage in town. We should receive the grant agreement by March and then be able to proceed shortly after that.
- Ross Avenue: Jerry contacted and spoke with Tom Holland from the County Roads Department about the damage to the area of Ross Avenue at the top of the hill. He will look into it.
- Christmas tree: Getty Keefer trimmed the pine tree in the parklet in the center of town. After discussion, Pam moved to give \$20 as a thank you for his services. Julia seconds the motion. All in favor.
- Business After Hours: Is the town interested in sponsoring the event? Julia will check with the ladies' auxiliary and see if they will prepare the food. Spencer will speak with John Croskey, President of the Friendsville Way Business Association, to see if they are interested in doing it.
- Mayor's Conference: February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. After discussion Pam moved to send Spencer to the Mayor's Conference and pay for his registration, lodging and gas with an estimated cost of \$450. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor.
- Spencer no longer has his land line. You can reach him on his cell which is listed on our website.

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

Sheryl moved to accept the Clerk's Report. Jerry seconds the motion. All in favor.

Jerry moved to approve the Payables for the month of October. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Benedict  
Clerk/Treasurer