

MINUTES January 22, 2018

Attending the meeting were Mayor Spencer R. Schlosnagle, council members Pam Humberson, Sheryl MacLane, Julia Sines, Bob Sines, Jerry Fike and Clerk/Treasurer Karen Benedict. In the audience was Lori Otto, and Beverly Wilder. Fred Fox was unable to attend the meeting.

Call to Order: Council President Julia Sines called the January 22, 2018 meeting of the Mayor and Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m. The Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all attending the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes: Jerry moved to accept the agenda. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor. Bob moved to approve the minutes of December 4, 2017. Julia seconds the motion. All in favor.

TO THE FLOOR

Beverly Wilder, a resident of the Bear Creek Trailer Court, came before council to ask if she would be able to have contained chickens where she lives. Karen will look into this and get back with her.

COMMITTEES

Buildings: Nothing.

Streets/Walks: State Highway is aware of the hole in the bridge over the Yough in town limits. It will be fixed when weather permits.

Economic Development: Nothing.

Safety: Emergency Preparedness Meeting, Tuesday, January 30th at 6:00 p.m.

Park: A young man has been spinning in the park with his truck.

TO THE FLOOR (Continued)

Jeanne Frantz entered at 6:10 p.m. and had some questions on the proposed new Library/Town Hall building. She feels such an elaborate building which has been proposed by the Library Director is not needed at this time. The town needs a restaurant that stays open all year long. Pam explained the age of the building and it being a temporary building when put up in the 1970's. Spencer spoke on what the library had proposed in the new building. The town would rent the land to the library for 99 years and they in turn would give the town a smaller council room, and an office for Karen in the building. There would also be a large joint meeting room that the public could use when the need arises.

COMMITTEES (Continued)

Trees/Shrubs: The County looked at the tree on Water Street, and since there are electric lines running through it Spencer called Don Beatty of Potomac Edison to see if they would take a look at it and see if they can take it down. He will get back with us about it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- New furnace: There was a discussion on putting a heated bathroom on the outside of the utility building to be used by walkers and users of the park/stage all year round. After stating that none of what is in the proposed bid pertains to adding the bathroom on to the building, Jerry moved to send out the bid documents council was given for a new propane and fuel oil furnace for the utility building. Bob seconds the motion. Jerry, Bob, Sheryl and Julia for the motion. Pam abstained due to her brother owning Garrett Heating and it being considered conflict of interest.
- LED lamps: There was another bid proposal written up for replacing the current lights in the utility building with LED's and having them put on hangers from the ceiling and angled inward so more light can be reflected out into the building. After discussion, Bob said he and Jerry would get together and see what type of fixture would be needed before sending the proposal out to bid. Spencer will check with Potomac Edison on possibly getting assistance with this.
- Bear Creek Court Sewer Connection: Highland Engineering came and held the bid opening for the Bear Creek Court Sewer Connection. The low bidder for the project was R.C. Newman, LLC with a proposal of \$38,859.50. Other bidders were BYCO Enterprises, Inc. \$41,007.50: Frank Arnold Contractors, Inc, \$48,490. After discussion Pam moved to accept R.C. Newman, LLC at the recommendation of Highland Engineering with a bid of \$38,859.50. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor.
- Friend Family Museum meeting: Spencer, Sheryl, Bob, Jerry and Karen represented the town and Hugh and Louise Friend as well as John "Scoop" Thompson representing the Friend Family met on Saturday, January 13th in town hall. Items discussed at the meeting were a new roof, a proposed handicapped ramp, repairs to the existing windows, a new fence around the Friend Family cemetery at the Good to Go and if they could possibly help with paying for any of the repairs. They currently pay \$50 per month rent on the building and pay their own utilities. They would also like to renew the lease for a 5-year period. After discussion Sheryl moved to raise the rent to \$75 per month beginning July 1, 2018 and renew the lease for one year. Jerry seconds the motion. Sheryl and Jerry for the motion. Pam, Bob and Julia against. Motion did not carry. After more discussion, Pam moved to raise the rent to \$100 per month beginning July 1, 2018 and to renew the lease for one year. Motion died for lack of a second. Pam moved to raise the rent to \$75 a month beginning July 1, 2018 and to renew the lease for one year. Sheryl seconds the motion. Pam, Sheryl, Jerry and Julia for the motion. Bob opposed. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- Damage in the park: A vehicle was recorded spinning donuts in the park. After discussion it was agreed to have Sheriff Corley speak with the gentleman, have him pay for fixing the damage and do 80 community service hours. Spencer will contact some landscaping companies to get estimates.
- Mitigation Plan: Spencer and Karen will fill out the form and send it in to John Frank, Garrett County Emergency Services.
- Resolution 2018-1: Support for funding of the State Lakes Protection & Restoration Fund: Spencer read the resolution; Sheryl moved to accept Resolution 2018-1. Jerry seconds the motion. All in favor.

- Don Millard letter: Spencer read a thank you from Don Millard for the donation we gave him for mowing and trimming the field at the recreational parking lot.
- Noise Ordinance: We have recently received some complaints on noise from large trucks parked along the streets. This ordinance would help with that as well as other issues around town making it easier for code enforcement to get help with them. There was a general consensus to move forward with adopting the noise ordinance
- Letter from Woodmen Life: Chapter 45 is looking for new ways to give back to the community. For example, cleaning up at the park or around town, beautifying certain areas such as donating flower planters around the town sidewalks, etc. Donating play equipment at the park. Think on ways they can help by next meeting.
- Code Enforcement Report: Each member was given a copy of the annual code enforcement for 2017.
- Christmas decorations: The town of Oakland came and took down our Christmas decorations.
- Former Council Member Thomas Fike passed away recently as well as Lindy Fisher who is the husband of Election Board Member Janice Fisher. Spencer suggested donating money to both families to be used as they see fit. After discussion, Pam moved to donate \$100 per family in memory of their loved one. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor.
- State Highway Revenue Funds: the town received a letter from state highway stating the town should receive \$7,982 in highway user revenue next year. Spencer met with Delegates and Senators from across the state and lobbied them to support Highway User Revenues of which Senator Edwards is a co-sponsor while he is at PACE.
- PACE: Spencer will be attending PACE January 25th and 26th. The town will be paying for one-night hotel stay.

CLERK'S REPORT AND PAYABLES

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

Pam moved to approve the Payable's after questions on several checks were answered. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Benedict
Clerk/Treasurer