

MINUTES December 4, 2017

Attending the meeting were Mayor Spencer R. Schlosnagle, council members Julia Sines, Pam Humberson, Sheryl Sines, Fred Fox, Bob Sines, Jerry Fike and Clerk/Treasurer Karen Benedict. In the audience was Barbara Beeler.

Call to Order: Council President Julia Sines called the December 4, 2017 general meeting of the Mayor and Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Mike Saturday from the Asher Glade Church of the Brethren 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 November 21, 2017. Bob seconds the motion. All in favor.

TO THE FLOOR

Barbara Beeler, Director of Friends of Deep Creek Lake, came before council to ask for support for the dredging of Deep Creek Lake where there are ten coves that are full of mud. If this is done, all of the coves will then have water during the summer months. Last year the State Delegation introduced the State Lake Protection and Restoration Fund. This was passed and signed into law, however, it only affects the state-owned lakes not lakes such as ours which is owned by Brookfield Renewable Energy Company. We had adopted a resolution in 2016 and she would like us to consider adopting a new one and send it on to the state delegation and county commissioners. This will be discussed again later in the meeting.

COMMITTEES

Buildings: Bob feels the fence around the Friend Family graveyard could be fixed instead of putting up a new fence at one-quarter of the price. There was a discussion on the cemetery fence and other projects needed by the Friend Family at the Friend Museum building such as an outside handi-capped ramp, and new roof. Pam moved to meet with the Friend Family board members and discuss the mentioned projects and see what they could contribute to the projects. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor. Spencer will get with them and set up a date and time.

Streets/Walks: Nothing.

Christmas: Council Christmas dinner, December 18th at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Christmas light judging will be held before the dinner and announced at the dinner by the judges who will also attend the dinner.

Economic Development: Fred questioned what council decided to do about the gate at the entrance to the Kendal Trail. Council decided at the last meeting to leave it as it is. The new proposal by Al Preston is similar to the one we already have.

Fred attended the Strategic meeting on Tuesday at the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce. He was informed the Town of Friendsville did not fill out the SWOT Analysis that was sent to them by the Chamber. Spencer stated he had given out the analysis to the Friendsville Way members at their business meeting. They are who the questions were geared for. The majority of the other towns did not fill it out either.

Safety: Parking lines have not been painted yet due to the weather.

Park: Discussion on what can be put in a new Community Parks & Playground grant.

Trees and Shrubs: Becky Wilson said the tree leaning into the Youghiogheny River along Water Street is not in the town tree inventory. It was agreed to check with the County and see if they will take the tree down for us.

Spencer heard from Bill Younkin from the Army Corps of Engineers who said it will be spring before anymore trees will be taken down in the park. They are working with a skeleton crew due to employees being in Puerto Rica helping after the floods.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- BYCO: They were unable to get their furnace proposal ready in time for tonight's meeting. It was agreed that all proposals should be for the same terms. Jerry will get with Karen and prepare the proposals to be given to each contractor for a new furnace.
- Bear Creek Sewer Hook-up Project: Spencer signed off on the bid proposal that will be in the Republican Newspaper. He then gave an update on the project.
- Undercoating of F-350: The undercoating has been done on the F-150 pickup. Jerry moved to have rust undercoating done on the F-350 pickup after the leaf box is off. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan: Spencer spoke with John Frank from Garrett County Emergency Preparedness and we are to receive an email with the information we need. We will address the issues after it is received.
- Emergency Preparedness Meeting: General consensus to have the public meeting January 16th at 6:00 p.m. with the 30th as a backup meeting date in case of inclement weather. This meeting will be hosted by John Frank. Julia will contact him.
- Barbara Beeler, Friends of Deep Creek Lake, request: After discussion, it was agreed to have Barbara work up a resolution for the town to look over and adopt at our next meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Thank you notes were sent to Lloyd Oester for repairing a few Christmas ornaments and to Getty Keefer for trimming the Christmas tree at the parklet in the center of town.

- The Anchor Church put Christmas lights on the bridge coming into town over the Youghiogheny River. Roger Zbel and Glen Jordon plugged them in.
- Open Meetings Act: It was learned the town cannot hold any executive sessions until Karen or Spencer take the online training course for the Open Meetings Act through the Department of Planning. This is something new.
- New equipment: It was agreed to think about whether the town could purchase a new broom for the town tractor to help with street sweeping or a new dump bed or slid in dump till next spring.
- Planning Commission: the commission met on Tuesday, November 28th and worked on revising the zoning ordinance.

CLERK'S REPORT AND PAYABLES

Pam moved to accept the Clerk's Report for the month of November. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor.

Pam moved to approve the payables for the month of November. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Benedict
Clerk/Treasurer