Attending the meeting were Mayor Spencer R. Schlosnagle, council members Pam Humberson, Sheryl MacLane, Julia Sines, Bob Sines, Ed Kelley, Jess Whittemore and Clerk/Treasurer Karen Benedict. In the audience was Pastor Dana Umbel of the Sand Spring Church of God, and Renee Shreve from the Republican Newspaper.

**Call to Order:** Council President Pam Humberson called the July 15, 2019 meeting of the Mayor and Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:** Pastor Dana Umbel gave the Invocation followed by everyone reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda:** Councilman Whittemore moved to accept the agenda for tonight’s meeting. Councilman Kelley seconds the motion. All in favor.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Councilwoman Sines moved to approve the general meeting minutes for July 1, 2019. Councilwoman MacLane seconds the motion. Councilmembers Sines, MacLane, Humberson, Kelley and Sines for the motion. Councilman Whittemore abstained as he was not in attendance at the meeting.

**TO THE FLOOR**

There was no one in the audience except Ms. Shreve who is here to take information for the Republican Newspaper.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Mini-bike wording for park sign:** the town of Kitzmiller has signs that state “No Motorized Vehicles”. Council feels that is too broad, it could cover motorized wheel chairs and scooters.

**Waterway Improvement Application:** Mayor Schlosnagle spoke with Alice Scanlon from the Maryland DNR. She would like to have an on-sight meeting with Maryland State Highway Administration for a soft launch on Water Street since we feel the property belongs to them where we want to put the steps/ramp. There could be multi-stakeholders: Maryland State Highway Administration, DNR/Waterway and Corps of Engineers. Mayor Schlosnagle will reach out to Maryland State Highway.

**Fiddle/Banjo Contest:** Saturday evening pre-show at 5 pm; competition begins at 6 pm.

**Town-wide yard sale:** After discussion council agreed to have the town-wide yard sale on Saturday, July 20th prior to the Fiddle/Banjo Contest.
**New Park Entrance Sign Wording:** After much discussion it was agreed to put:
- Bicycles, Skateboards and Rollerblades prohibited on all courts
- Firearms strictly Prohibited
- No Camping
- Fires Permitted in Grills Only
- Park Closes at Dark
- Leash Laws Enforced
- Park Protected by Video Surveillance
- Only Foot Traffic, Handicapped Scooters, Wheelchairs and Bicycles allowed on grounds

There was a discussion on park hours. It was decided to be 10:00pm during the summer with any exception being with the approval of town council.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Garrett County Commissioners Letter:** The Commissioners are giving the town a park gift of $4,000 to be used for anything in the park.

**Flotilla:** Saturday July 27th with registration beginning at 2:30pm in the park with the Flotilla beginning around 4:30 pm depending on the water flow.

**Community Center Update:** Mayor Schlosnagle gave an update on the repairs to the community center.

**Library Fundraising Committee:** They will be meeting Tuesday evening at 6:00 pm. Librarian Michele Liston will get more information on the painting of blocks recognizing donations.

**Herschel Allen email:** Each council member was given a copy of the emails from resident Herschel Allen on property taxes and the proposed ramp on the opposite side of the Methodist Church on Water Street.

**COMMITTEES**

**Buildings:** Mayor Schlosnagle, council members Julia Sines and Bob Sines met with Duane Yoder and Elaine Hinebaugh from Community Action on several items in need of repair in the Head Start/Community Center.

**Streets:** County Engineer Dwight Emory will meet with council on Tuesday, July 16th at 10:30 am at Second Avenue to discuss drainage issues.

**Christmas:** Nothing.

**Economic Development:** Roy Musselwhite will contact council when they have come up with a plan for the trail entrance and come to a council meeting, hopefully in August.

**Parking Lot:** It was reported the sign stating No Camping is down in the parking lot. Mayor Schlosnagle will have the employees put it back up.
Safety: Rodney Bowser of the fire department put new smoke detectors in town hall and library.

Park: Jess put up the new boards on the kiosk in the park.

Trees/Shrubs: the committee began reviewing the tree inventory. Skyline Tree Service has trimmed the pine trees at Saw Mill Lane, tree at the entrance to Kendall Trail and a maple at 850 First Avenue.

MAYOR’S REPORT

- Vance Petrella from our insurance company, LGIT, is coming for our biennial audit.
- Lynn Acyock questioned Mayor Schlosnagle on the possibility of marking off a section of the extended town parking lot along Church Lane for upcoming weddings at her venue. He told her unfortunately we cannot do that as it is a community parking lot and paid for through grants and private donations.
- Community Parks and Playground grant: Council agreed to put in the grant the purchase of 4 walk-through handicapped picnic tables; 6 five-row aluminum 15-foot bleachers; materials to put a sandbox in where the old volleyball court was. The playground from the head start will be moved to our playground in the park.

Councilwoman Sines moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Whittemore seconds the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Benedict
Clerk/Treasurer