MINUTES
September 16, 2019

Attending the meeting were Mayor Spencer Schlosnagle, Council Members Pam Humberson, Sheryl MacLane, Julia Sines, Ed Kelley, Bob Sines, Jess Whittemore and Clerk/Treasurer Karen Benedict. In the audience is Roy Musselwhite of the Maryland Dept of Natural Resources, Pastor Suwak of the Grace Lutheran Church, Renee Shreve from the Republican Newspaper and Deputy Michael Saturday of the Garrett County Sheriff’s Department.

Call to Order: Council President Pam Humberson called the September 16, 2019 meeting of the Mayor and Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance: Pastor Peter Suwak gave the invocation followed by everyone saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: Councilman Whittemore moved to accept the agenda for tonight’s meeting with the addition of an email from Terry Spear of the Friendsville Fire and Rescue Department. Councilman Sines seconds the motion. All in favor.

Approval of the Minutes: Councilwoman MacLane moved to approve the minutes of August 19, 2019. Councilman Kelley seconds the motion. All in favor. Councilman Whittemore abstained because he was not in attendance at this meeting.

TO THE FLOOR

Roy Musselwhite from the Maryland DNR came at the request of council to discuss trail access/blocking issues at the entrance to the Kendall Trail. He explained the process he went through to get approval for what he is presenting tonight to council. They wanted to come up with something pleasing to look at as well as serve the intended purpose. Phase I consists of using 8 x 8 bollards with double locks so no one can lock out another interested party. The bollards will be three feet out of the ground with reflectors on the posts. Phase II consists of putting up a bulletin board/kiosk with the trail’s history, it being a designated wild and scenic corridor and a map of the trail. After discussion Mr. Musselwhite agreed to the town taking on the extra responsibility and expense of staining the posts brown to match other park items around town. Councilman Kelley suggested to add that we have designated parking on Chestnut Street on the map. Councilman Whittemore moved to approve the draft as presented at tonight’s meeting. Councilman Kelley seconds the motion. All in favor.
Deputy Saturday of the Garrett County Sheriff’s Department came before council to give the monthly patrol report. In August we had 14 patrols. This does not count times when they are serving warrants, or other issues. While they are here, they patrol the town.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Head Start Playground Removal Proposal**: Neither Kevin Savage or Chris Williams are interested in the project. The playground is over 15 years old and damage could be done to it when it is being removed and transported.

- **Park fiber optic project**: The Garrett County Commissioners gave us enough money to do option #3 as we requested in our letter. However, unless we misunderstood, there is not enough to do the trenching by BarSav which is around $7,300. Council thought we should have enough money as some of what we were going to do in our grant proposal is now not needed. It was requested that we have Paul Browning, from CHIPS Network, come to our October 16th meeting so all questions can be answered at one time and put an end to the back and forth communications.

- **Project Purple**: Per an email from Sadie Liller, the Garrett County Health Department is asking the town to help promote “Garrett County Goes Purple” during the month of September. This Project Purple combines National Recovery Month with a campaign to reduce the stigma of mental and substance abuse disorder. Purple banners, ribbons, purple light bulbs and wearing purple are ways of supporting this cause.

NEW BUSINESS

- **CDBG, Circuit Rider Grant**: The municipalities received a grant from Community Development Block Grant in the amount of $50,000 to help pay for the municipal circuit riders. Each town then pays a percentage depending on their population to help pay for the remainder of the two salaries.

- **Friendsville Fire and Rescue Department-Terry Spear**: The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend is October 5th and 6th with a ceremony in Emmitsburg, MD. It is the official national tribute to those firefighters who died in the line of duty during the previous year. The fire department would like the town to pass a resolution identifying the week of September 29th thru October 6th as “Friendsville Lights the Night for Fallen Firefighters”. Due to the short notice the town could only do a Proclamation which Mayor Schlosnagle read at the meeting and signed to make it official.

COMMITTEES

**Buildings**: The equalization tank is almost complete at the sewer plant.
Streets/Walks: Nothing.
Christmas: Nothing.
Economic Development: Nothing.
Park: The employees have been painting the posts at the pavilions and are almost complete.
Trees/Shrubs: Councilwoman Sines said the committee is working on the tree inventory and requested that town employee Dred Lowdermilk go with them when they do the trees in the park as he is familiar with the trees there.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

- **Paul Harvey, Garrett County Roads Department:** Mr. Harvey and Dwight Emory are going over the specifications of the State Highway Administration before starting our improvements on Second Avenue.
- **School Board Meeting:** Mayor Schlosnagle and Council members Pam Humberson, Julia Sines and Sheryl MacLane attended the Feasibility Study meeting that was held recently. There was a discussion on what was mentioned at the meeting.
- **9/11 Honor and Remembrance Ceremony:** It was well attended and Mayor Schlosnagle thanked those from council who came.
- **Next Council meeting:** Our next council meeting is scheduled for October 7th. Since there are not any large projects at the present time, would council concur with only having one meeting until March? General consensus to go to one meeting unless issues arise.
- **Trick or Treat date:** Halloween is on Thursday this year. Do we want to have it on the actual date? Mayor Schlosnagle will check with the other local towns and report back at the next meeting.

**CLERK’S REPORT AND PAYABLES**

Councilman Whittemore moved to accept the Clerk’s Report. Councilwoman Sines seconds the motion. All in favor.
Councilwoman Sines moved to approve the payables. Councilman Whittemore seconds the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Benedict
Clerk/Treasurer