MINUTES
August 19, 2019

Attending the meeting was Mayor Spencer Schlosnagle, council members Pam Humberson, Julia Sines, Sheryl MacLane, Ed Kelley, Bob Sines and Clerk/Treasurer Karen Benedict. Council member Jess Whittemore was unable to attend the meeting. Also attending was Pastor Marshall Bittinger of the Friendsville United Pentecostal Church, Renee Shreve from The Republican Newspaper.

Call to Order: Council President Pam Humberson called the August 19, 2019 meeting of the Mayor and Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance: Pastor Marshall Bittinger gave the invocation followed by everyone saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda: Councilmember MacLane moved to approve the agenda for tonight’s meeting. Councilman Kelley seconds the motion. All in favor.

Approval of the Minutes: Councilwoman Sines moved to approve the minutes of August 5, 2019 with correction. Councilwoman MacLane seconds the motion. All in favor.

TO THE FLOOR

There were no persons in the audience.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

• Second Street Drop Boxes: Mayor Schlosnagle spoke with Dwight Emory, Engineer for the Garrett County Roads Department, about the drop box(es) at the corner of Second and Ross Avenue. After discussion, Councilwoman Sines moved to correct the minutes to reflect to expand the drop box at the corner of Second and Ross Avenue to a larger drop box and add no other drop boxes at this time. Councilwoman MacLane seconds the motion. All in favor.

• AL-GAR Dinner: Wednesday, August 21st, in Accident at the pavilion behind the firehouse beginning at 5:30 p.m. for the meet and greet.

• Playground at the Head Start building: Chris Williams will get a proposal to Mayor Schlosnagle by tomorrow morning. Karen will forward the proposal on to council members. If the cost to remove it is too high to warrant the move it will remain at the head start area.

• Park Fiber: The town received $10,478 from the county commissioners from the broadband grant. We have $11,022 from the POS 2018 grant making a total of $21,500. This should do everything we wanted to get done back in May. Councilwoman MacLane moved to move forward with Option #3 from the proposal from CHIPS Network. Councilman Kelley seconds the motion. All in favor. Karen will send an email to Paul Browning of CHIPS Network to move forward.
NEW BUSINESS

- **LGIT letters:** Mayor Schlosnagle received a letter and certificate from Tim Ailsworth, Executive Director of LGIT, thanking us for our continued membership with the trust. This marks our 21st year. Mayor Schlosnagle touched on the safety issues they had on our recent audit and what has been fixed.

- **Barbara Beeler:** Mayor Schlosnagle acknowledged the email from Barbara Beeler for her appreciation of council’s support over the years concerning the Deep Creek Lake dredging of the 10 sediment impaired coves at Deep Creek Lake and the support to secure funds for DCL restoration and dredging. Our efforts however, did not get the approval of the state. She is leaving Garrett County and wanted to thank the town for their past support.

- **Next meeting date:** Our next regular meeting date falls on Labor Day weekend. After discussion, Councilwoman MacLane moved to skip the September 2nd council meeting and to meet on September 16th. Councilman Kelley seconds the motion. All in favor.

COMMITTEES

**Buildings:** Nothing.

**Streets/Walks:** Mayor Schlosnagle would like the street committee to look at the area between John Croskey and Joe Sessa’s on Maple Street. Mr. Croskey would like to have a small bump put in along that area so that water does not go down into the car wash area.

**Christmas:** Nothing.

**Economic Development:** Brush needs cut back at the trailhead bench so the river can be seen from the bench.

**Safety:** There is a pile of junk in front of the fire hydrant at 149 Walnut Street. It needs moved in case of a fire.

**Park:** Each member was given a copy of the proposed town park sign by Deer Park Signs. There was a general consensus to accept his proposal and as soon as the Department of Public Works signs off on the grant award, Jesse at Deer Park Signs can be given the okay to proceed.

**Trees and Shrubs:** Nothing.

MAYOR’S REPORT

- **Broken water line problem:** A discussion on the recent water line break at Leroy Robinsons. A better way needs to be imposed by the county to notify residents of any problems.

- **September 11th, “Honor and Remembrance”:** Julia Sines invited council, on behalf of Woodmen Life, to the 9/11 annual Honor and Remembrance ceremony at the fire house beginning at 6:30 pm.

- **Donations:** Over the past several years the town has lost members of the community who donated their time serving on the election committee. After discussion,
Councilwoman MacLane moved to donate $100 to Hospice of Garrett County in memory of Naomi Griffith and Pearl Bittner ($50 per member). Councilwoman Sines seconds the nomination. All in favor.

**TO THE FLOOR**

Terry Spear came on behalf of the Friendsville Fire and Rescue Department, to thank council for their donation toward the Fiddle/Banjo contest back in July. They have approximately $1,000 toward next year’s event. This is the second oldest contest in Garrett County. They hope to have our continued support next year.

Mr. Spear also wanted to invite council to the Movie in the Park this Saturday evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. with games and food. Ben who serves Chinese food will be here. The fire department would like to use the town’s speakers again this year. Movie begins at 8:30 pm. This event is sponsored by the Friendsville Community Watch and the Friendsville Volunteer Fire Department.

**MAYOR’S REPORT (Continued):**

- September is National Recovery Month. The Garrett County Health Department and our local Community Watch would like the town to observe it by placing purple bows around town. They will place the bows with our permission. There was a general concurrence by council to allow the purple bows throughout the town.
- Friendsville Days: A meeting was held recently to discuss how could Friendsville Days be improved. Mayor Schlosnagle relayed this on to council.

Councilwoman Sines moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. Councilwoman MacLane seconds the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Benedict, Clerk/Treasurer