Attending the October 21, 2019 meeting of the Mayor and Town Council was Mayor Spencer R. Schlosnagle, council members Pam Humberson, Sheryl MacLane, Ed Kelley, Bob Sines, Jess Whittemore and Clerk/Treasurer Karen Benedict. Councilwoman Julia Sines was unable to attend the meeting. In the audience was Renee Shreve from the Republican Newspaper, Bob Hensley, Jody Ross, Paul Browning, CHIPS Network, Nathaniel Watkins, Garrett County IT, Barry Savage, owner BarSav, Garrett Grub, Thrasher Engineering and Terry Spear.

Call to Order: Council President Pam Humberson called the October 21, 2019 meeting of the Mayor and Town Council to order at 6:20 p.m. following the public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant application for the Community Center Upgrades and an update on the Friendsville wastewater equalization tank grant.

Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance: The Lord’s Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance was recited by persons attending the meeting.

Approval of the 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 MacLane moved to approve the minutes of October 7, 2019. Councilman Whittemore seconds the motion. All in favor.

TO THE FLOOR

Terry Spear came before council on behalf of the Friendsville Fire Department. They have heard the Friendsville Lion’s Club is disbanded and will no longer be leasing the concession stand in the park. The fire department would like to take it over if possible. After discussion it was agreed council will let them know after receiving in writing a statement saying the Lion’s Club is dissolving as of a certain date provided by them.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- John Croskey, drainage issue: Hal Perez put black back stops with yellow stripping along Maple Street at his property. It was suggested to mill a strip 2 feet wide from the alley at Joe Sessa’s building to the front of his building (the old murphy building).
• Friendsville Sign grant balance: There is still $339.26 remaining in the Community Legacy grant for the “Friendsville Welcomes You” sign. After discussion it was agreed for Dred Lowdermilk to order from Doug Ringer extra LED light bulbs for the sign.

**NEW BUSINESS**

• Al-GAR Legislative Dinner: Frostburg on November 20, 2019. Let Karen know by November 12, 2019 if you will be attending.

**TO THE FLOOR**

Paul Browning, owner of CHIPS Network, came before council to answer questions of council pertaining to the installation of internet in the park. The town does not want to pay monthly or annual fees to have the internet in the park. After discussion, Paul agreed to give Barry Savage of BarSav a map with the trenching of where the fiber will go. He can give a proposal to dig this for the town as well as Barry trying to find where all the electric and water lines are in the park before the trenching can be done. It was also questioned if the County could do the trenching for the town. Nathaniel will look into this for us. Barry questioned what the town was going to do with the old cameras. Paul stated they are not worth much.

Bob Hensley, on behalf of the Friendsville Veterans, and Garrett Grubb from Thrasher Engineering came to give a review of what is happening with the construction of the veteran’s memorial monument in the town recreational parking lot. Mr. Hensley stated they are ready to dig once they get our bid procurement procedures as they need to follow our guidelines. Once the project is finished the monument is the responsibility of the town. The concrete slab will be put down as well as two walls during this phase. They are now going with solar lights instead of electric, however conduit will be put there in case the town wants to put electric in the future. Roger Sines is the contractor they are working under. The committee meets the second Wednesday each month at Joe Sessa’s restaurant beginning at 6:30 p.m. Council is welcome to attend their meetings.

**COMMITTEES**

**Buildings:** Nothing.

**Streets/Walks:** Nothing.

**Christmas:** In the morning of December 7th there will be breakfast at the firehall with Santa. The Bazaar will be at the Rescue Squad building during the day. Anyone wanting to put a table at the bazaar should contact Lucretia Sines. Light up night begins in the evening when Community Watch and the Ruth Enlow Library will have activities and treats that are handed out and are paid for by area churches and the town.
**Economic Development:** Roy Musselwhite of the Maryland DNR spoke with Councilman Whittemore and asked when the stakes are placed in the ground at the entrance to the Kendall Trail that we have our employees make sure they are not in conflict with plowing in the winter.

**Safety:** It was reported there were planks on the side of the road on Walnut Street. Should there be traffic coming both ways it would be very narrow through there. Mayor Schlosnagle will look into this.

**Park:** It was suggested to allow camping in the park if it is during a special event where persons rent the stage and big pavilion. We could allow camping to the right of the takeout ramp. Mayor Schlosnagle will speak with the Corps about this option since they own that part of the park. The Noise Ordinance may need to be re-addressed should this be allowed. Example during the week make it 10:00 p.m. instead of 11:00 p.m.

Signage in the recreational parking lot. It was agreed not to put a gate up at the entrance to the parking lot. Council is to think about options for other signage until the next meeting.

**Parking:** is a problem when large events are at Stillwater Haven. Jess spoke with Jim Peck of the Maryland Municipal League who said the town can issue citations if they want to. The issue would be enforcing the citations. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Trees:** Per Councilwoman Sines, she met with Steve Booch of Potomac Edison to look at the tree at Kevin Sessler’s on Park Street. Mr. Booch said the town could have the large limb removed by a licensed tree expert. The expert must look at the limb before cutting it to see if the electric lines are in the way. If he chooses, Mr. Booch will come and turn off the electric to the line while it is being cut and then turn it back on. Mayor Schlosnagle will speak with Julia before calling Kevin Savage of Skyline Tree Service and Excavating.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Schlosnagle spoke with Jim Crowder of Potomac Edison about the LED streetlight that was to be put up on Saw Mill Lane. It was put in the system on September 3rd however the pole number was incorrect. He will have it corrected and put up very soon.

The Garrett County Commissioners gave another $7,000 toward installing underground internet cable in the community park.

The new community park sign has been approved by the Board of Public Works and will be put up this week.

Mayor Schlosnagle spoke with Vance Petrella from our insurance company who is okay with us putting in a catch basin under the fuel tank at the utility building. Mayor Schlosnagle spoke with Troy from Luther P. Miller who said they would need to wait until the fuel is low before installing the catch basin.
There was a discussion on the leasing of the Lion’s Club concession stand. It must be leased to someone who has liability insurance. Mayor Schlosnagle will speak with Glen Jordan about getting a letter stating when the club is dissolving and the ending of the lease. Council is to think about leasing the building until the next meeting.

Mayor Schlosnagle, Karen, Circuit Riders Peggy Jamison and Robin Douglas met to begin the CDBG grant application for the roof and outside entrance ramp for the Community Center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Benedict
Clerk/Treasurer