Call to Order:  Council President Pam Humberson called the October 21, 2019 Public Hearing for the grant for a CDBG Community Center Roof Upgrade and a progress report for the Friendsville Equalization Tank. The meeting was then turned over to Robin Douglas, Consultant and a Circuit Rider under the Garrett County Circuit Program.

Robin spoke on the progress of the equalization tank first stating on October 1 he spoke with Bobby Witt from Garrett Public Utilities and he said the project is nearing the end. The roof is being installed and there is still some electrical work needing to be done.

Robin proceeded to give a report on the Community Center Upgrade. Stage 1 through Community Development Block Grant consists of the public hearing tonight. The grant has two parts: the removal and replacement of the roof and to replace the access ramp to the back door of the Community Center. We have received an estimate not a quote from a construction company for both projects. Community Development is willing to give us $43,000 toward the projects with $2,000 for Administrative costs or contingency. The roof estimate is $32,500 and the access ramp $10,500. By the town’s bidding regulations anything over $30,000 must go out to bid in the local newspaper. We can go out to bid separately or as one bid. We are applying for funding through Community Development Block Grant because we now qualify with low to moderate income.

After receiving the grant application there is a 30-day review by CDBG. We should know around the first of December. The application is available for review by the public in town hall at 313 Chestnut Street during regular business hours until October 31, 2019. The town will go out to bid in January.