MINUTES
July 19, 2021

Attending the meeting of the Mayor and Town Council were Mayor Spencer R. Schlosnagle, Council members Pam Humberson, Sheryl MacLane, James Hook, Ed Kelley, Bob Sines, Jess Whittemore, and Beth Van Sheetz Clerk/Treasurer. In the audience was Sergeant Teats and ride along Deputy Ashley Bittinger. Friendsville Fire Chief Terry Spear and Craig Umbel.

Call to Order: Council President Pam Humberson called the July 19th, 2021, the general meeting of the Mayor and Town Council to order at 6:02 pm.

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

Councilman Bob Sines motioned to accept the agenda for tonight’s meeting. Councilman Ed Kelley seconds the motion. All in favor.

Councilwoman Sheryl MacLane motioned to approve the minutes of the general meeting on June 28th, 2021. Councilman James Hook seconds the motion. All in favor excluding Councilman Whittemore who was unable to attend this meeting.

TO THE FLOOR

Sergeant Teets came before the council to give a monthly report of patrol hours and events. During June, the Sheriff’s Office made one traffic arrest and served a couple of civil process papers. The Sheriff’s office designated eight patrol hours in June. Sargent Teets reports that it was a very quiet month. Deputy Ashley Bittinger was introduced to Council. Deputy Bittinger is a ride along that will be attending the police academy in September, she is a new hire with the Sheriff’s Department. Mayor Schlosnagle welcomed her. The mayor also addressed some animal nuisance complaints with the Sargent, the mayor explained that animal control has been notified but there has not been action taken to rectify the issues. Sergeant Teets said he would pass the information on to Animal Control. Secondly the mayor addressed vandalism here at Town Hall, someone is taking items out of the Little Pantry that was donated to the town and throwing the food all over the sidewalks and street in front of the building. Sergeant Teets will have the Town Hall patrolled to try and deter the behavior. The use of drugs and improperly discarded needles was addressed, Sergeant Teets reports that this is sadly a Countywide problem. Mayor Schlosnagle has stated that if there is anything countywide that we can help with to just let us know.
Friendsville Fire Chief Terry Spear attended the meeting to address the replacement of the Lions Club concession stand in the park. Mr. Spear is asking the council if they feel there needs to be extra bathrooms at the park, or if they can get by with just making a concession stand that has a private bathroom that is only accessible by the workers/volunteers. Councilman Whittemore asked if there are large waiting lines in the park during events, the rest of the council feels there is not a problem. Mr. Spear feels if there are large events that rent out the park, the facilitators of that event should arrange to have Port a Pots for overflow, council agrees, and it is decided no public restrooms will be included in the final design. Mr. Spear has agreed that once a preliminary design is complete, he will send those plans to the Town Clerk who will then disperse them to the council members.

Mr. Spear has also informed council that the Fire Department is planning a community event, August 6th and 7th. On Friday the 6th Ben’s Thai Food will be in the community park selling Thai food, and there will be live music along with various fundraisers. Saturday there will be no entertainment, but Ben will be back to make and sell Thai food in the evening. There were a few concerns with pavilions that were rented out, the Fire Department has ensured that this event will not interfere with those rentals.

The Fire Department is requesting the use of the Community Park on Aug 28th for the Annual Back to School Movie Night. Council has agreed to not rent out pavilions that day to make sure there is no conflict. Councilman Sines motions to allow the fire department to use the park, Councilman Kelley seconds the motion. All in favor.

Fire Chief Terry Spear also informs Council that the Fire Department is planning to have breakfast with Santa this year on December 4th at the Firehouse. Mr. Spear would like to see the town put on a whole day event with horse sleigh rides music and a craft show at the Firehall. He has asked Council to consider the possibility and let him know their thoughts. Mr. Spear also reports that the Fire Department was successful in acquiring the Paugh property in the tax sale if the sale goes through and paperwork is complete there will be a storage building built on the property.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Library Board Discussion:** The Ruth Enlow Library is very receptive to the letter we sent regarding taking over the Towns portion of the building. The library did inform us that they would be wanting to purchase the building and land later down the road when it was time to apply for the grant as they are unable to apply if they don’t own the land. The size of the land that the Town Hall and Library sits on now is three fourths of an acre. President Humberson asked the Council if they were willing to sell? Councilman Jess Whittemore motioned to sell the land to the library, Councilman Hook seconds the motion. All in favor.
AL/GAR Wed Aug 18th our Community Park: Friendsville is the host for the Allegany/Garrett Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League this coming August. The Town will provide a picnic style dinner for the members at the Community Park and Deep Creek Catering will be contracted to cater the event. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be moved to the Community Center.

Roger Zbel parking issues: It has been reported that the “No stopping here to corner” sign and the “2-hour parking limit” sign have been removed. Mayor Schlosnagle read a letter that was sent to Roger Zbel regarding the parking issues. It has been noted Precision rafting employees are standing along the street directing boaters to incorrect parking locations. Councilman Jess Whittemore motions to have the State Highway put the signs back up, Councilman Kelley seconds the motion. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter from Kim Folk: Garrett County will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary in 2022, Mayor Schlosnagle read an invite from the Chamber of Commerce for Council Members to join in an event to kick off a year long celebration, there will be a history walk held at the Garrett County Fair Grounds September 17th, 2022, it is free to attend and will be held at the Ag Building. Council would like to allow the Chamber of Commerce to use the Anniversary pictures to display at the expo.

Letters from the Garrett County Commissioners: The Commissioners will be appropriating $4000.00 for our community parks and recreation budget. All expenses need to be submitted by June of 2022.

Donation for the Friendsville Day’s Festival: Mayor Schlosnagle is asking Council on behalf of the Friendsville Days committee for a donation, the town has always donated in the past. Councilman Whittemore motions to donate $500.00. Councilman Sines seconds the motion. All in favor.

MAYOR’S REPORT

- History Markers are all replaced around town, Crede Calhoun has asked council to consider promoting a history tour event, where guests could find items on the back of the signs and win a prize. Mayor Schlosnagle is asking council to think about this for the next council meeting.
- SHA Rehab work will be done on the Maryland 42 Bridge, across the Youghiogheny. The state is considering a detour through the town to decrease the amount of construction
time. They are estimating the project to take approx 10 to 12 weeks to complete and take place during the months of June through August 2022. They are estimating the average daily flow of traffic through Friendsville to be 1,021 vehicles per day or about 50 cars per hour. With the detour the estimated flow would increase to an additional 2642 cars per day or 110 per hour. Council feels the calculations are off since this is peak Deep Creek lake traffic. Councilman Whittemore proposes that we request the State Highway to do full-time monitoring or ask them to come here to get certified road counts.

- Kevin Savage should be coming in soon to get the sandbox put in down at the Community Park.
- The County will not be able to put in the 2 new additional drains, pave and mill Second Ave until Spring of 2022. The State Highway money designated for this project needs to be spent before June of 2022. Councilman Sines asked if we can pre-pay for the job, Councilman Whittemore suggests we get a guarantee out of County and let them know this job has to be paid for and done before June. Mayor Schlosnagle will work on trying to get a signed commitment for early Spring of 2022.
- The Little Pantry in front of the Town Hall has been vandalized several times, after much discussion Council agreed to put cameras on the front of the Town Hall/Library.
- Dollar General will be opening very soon, they are working on planting some trees and shrubbery and cleaning out along the ditch. We plan to meet with representatives with State Highway to discuss putting a sidewalk leading to and from along Maple Street.

**COMMITTEES**

**Tree Committee:** Nothing.
**Christmas:** The Mayor asked the Christmas Committee to reach out to crafters and see if they would like to participate in the Fire Departments Christmas celebration on December 4th.
**Buildings:** Nothing.
**Streets:** Nothing.
**Economic Development:** Nothing.
**Safety:** State Highway will be cutting the ditches on Rt. 42.
**Park:** Nothing.
**Trees/Shrubs:** Nothing.
CLERK'S REPORT AND PAYABLES

Councilwoman Maclane moved to accept the Clerk’s Report and approve the Payables for the month of April. Councilman Whittemore seconds the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Van Scheetz
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved:

[Signature]

Mark, Mayor

04/27/21