

MINUTES
January 9, 2023

Attending the meeting of the Mayor and Town Council were Mayor Spencer R. Schlosnagle, Council President Pam Humberson, Councilmembers Bob Sines, Edward Kelley, Sheryl MacLane, Michael Artice, James Hook and Beth Van Sheetz, Clerk/Treasurer. In the audience in attendance was Ken Hinebaugh for Friendsville Veterans Memorial, Jo Sheffield CPA and Clair Sullivan, reporter with the Republican newspaper.

Call to Order: Council President Pam Humberson called the January 9, 2023, general meeting of the Mayor and Town Council to order at 6:01 pm.

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

Councilman Artice moved to accept the agenda for tonight's meeting. Councilwoman MacLane seconds the motion. All in favor.

Councilwoman MacLane moved to accept the minutes for the public hearing on Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2022-2. Councilman Kelley seconds the motion. All in favor.

Councilwoman MacLane moved to accept the minutes for the General Meeting on December 5th, 2022. Councilman Artice seconds the motion. All in favor.

To The Floor:

Ken Hinebaugh is attending the meeting today to report that Bob Hensley has officially stepped down as president and will no longer be the contact for the Friendsville Veterans Memorial, and that he will be taking his place. Mr. Hinebaugh is hoping that the town will be able to assist in the writing of future contracts to get grant funds from the state. He does report that he has hopes that by the end of this summer, the memorial will be 90% complete.

Joe Sheffield, CPA attended the meeting to go over her annual audit and financial statement for 2022. Mrs. Sheffield has issued a clean opinion in her report. There were no concerns from council members.

NEW BUSINESS:

PACE Reception Funders Meeting: The PACE Reception is scheduled in Annapolis for January 19th and 20th. Mayor Schlosnagle is requesting permission to attend the meeting so he can address a much-needed sewer tie-in for Stillwater Haven to connect to the county sewer

system. Along with asking for grant funding for painting and window repairs to the Friend Family Museum. Councilman Sines moves to permit the mayor to go to the PACE conference. Councilman Kelley seconds the motion. All in favor.

Voter Registration: The Election Board Chair will hold voter's registration from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10th, 2023, at the Friendsville Town Hall. The 2023 election will be held on February 14th, 2023.

Letter from DNR: The town has received approval from the DNR to start the removal of the pavilion that was constructed with substandard materials and transformed into a concession stand nearly 25 years ago. This project will replace the structure with an ADA compliant concession stand.

Maryland Mayors Association Conference: The 2023 MMA winter conference will be held in Annapolis on February 15th & 16th and Mayor Schlosnagle has requested permission from council to attend. Due to Covid the conferences had been canceled in the past few years and he feels it is important to be at the meeting. Councilman Sines motions to send the mayor to the Maryland Mayors Association Conference, with the expense not exceeding \$350.00. Councilman Artice seconds the motion. All in favor.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- On January 3rd Paul Nicol, Traffic Engineer at MDOT, came to Friendsville and investigated a concern about tractor trailers parking on the shoulder of MD 742/Maple Street and did witness tractor trailers blocking the site of traffic in that area. Mr Nicol said his next step would be to draft a memorandum of action, which will allow them to install "NO PARKING" signs. He did state that it takes some time for the MOA approval process because multiple agencies have to review the document, but he will keep the town updated as it progresses.
- Linda Puffenbarger contated Mayor Schlosnagle and informed him that after investigating the issue with drivers treating the pedestrian signs as a 4-way stop, it was determined we were actually missing a "Stop Here for Pedestrians" sign in front of the Friend Family Museum and one would be installed. Unfortunately these signs are mandatory per state highway and can not be removed or altered.
- Thursday January 12th, 2023 there is a Grade Band Alignment Public Information Session scheduled at the Northern High School in the Auditorium. The mayor has encouraged council members to attend the meeting if possible.
- The previous meeting was the council members Annual Christmas Dinner. Everyone felt that contracting the Firehall Kitchen to cater the meal was a great idea, the food was delicious and the Fire Station was beautifully decorated.

- Mayor Schlosnagle was asked by Maryland Municipal League President to serve on the ByLaws Committee to review and update.
- Dan Bowling with Mackin Engineering is planning to meet with Mayor Schlosnagle next Tuesday the 17th.
- The mayor has reached out to Dollar General Corporation in regards to heating problems, and overgrowth of their lot. There does not seem to be anyone to reach for accountability, therefore the town will be turning the matter over to Code Enforcement.
- The town has received requests to have the changing rooms opened at the recreational parking lot, due to kayakers taking advantage of the mild winter. The town employees have opened both sides.

COMMITTEES

Tree Committee: Nothing.

Christmas: Nothing.

Buildings: Nothing.

Streets Council President Humberson has concerns with drains on Second Ave not draining correctly, the mayor has informed her Beitzel will be coming to correct drains in the spring.

Economic Development: Nothing.

Safety: Nothing.

Park: Volleyball and tennis nets need to come down for the winter.

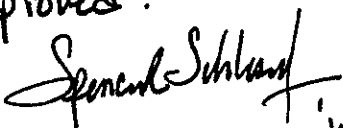
Trees/Shrubs: Nothing.

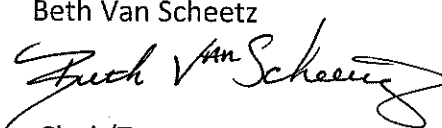
CLERK'S REPORT AND PAYABLES:

Councilwoman MacLane moved to accept the clerk's report and approve the payables for the month of December. Councilman Kelley seconds the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Schlosnagle requested to move to a closed session to address employee concerns. Councilman Artice moves to approve the request. Councilman Hook seconds the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Approved:

 Mayor
 2/6/23

Respectfully submitted,
 Beth Van Scheetz

 Clerk/Treasurer