

MINUTES
February 6, 2023

Attending the meeting of the Mayor and Town Council were Mayor Spencer R. Schlosnagle, Council President Pam Humberson, Councilmembers Bob Sines, Sheryl MacLane, Michael Artice, James Hook. Councilman Edward Kelley was unable to attend. In the audience in attendance was Sheriff Bryson Meyers, Craig Umbel of the Central Garrett Little League and Clair Sullivan, reporter with the Republican newspaper.

Call to Order: Council President Pam Humberson called the February 6, 2023, general meeting of the Mayor and Town Council to order at 6:00 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 General Meeting on January 9, 2023. Councilman Artice seconds the motion. All in favor.

To The Floor:

Newly elected, Sheriff Bryson Meyers gave an update to those in attendance on the upcoming operations and plans for the Sheriff's department.

Craig Umbel with Central Garrett Little League came before the mayor and council to give report on the activities of the Little League. They will begin practice the middle of March, weather permitting, their opening day will be Saturday, April 23rd. Craig asked if the town would notify him when the restrooms will be open for the season. He is aware that the restrooms will not be open for their practices.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

Letter of resignation was received from Beth Van Scheetz, former Clerk/Treasurer for the Town of Friendsville. She has taken a new position with another company and her last day of employment will be February 2, 2023. Councilman Sines made a motion to accept her letter of resignation and Councilman Artice second the motion. All in favor.

A letter was received from Reflection House, which is a non-profit residential treatment facility for women suffering from substance use disorder in Garrett County. This program is unique because it will be the first residential treatment center for women west of Hagerstown. They ask the town to write a letter expressing our support for this program. Councilwoman MacLane motions to send a letter of support to Reflection House and Councilman Artice seconds the motion. All in favor.

A letter was received from the Garrett County Celtic Festival Board. They are planning to have the Celtic Festival in the park again this year. The date will be Saturday, June 3, 2023. They will set-up Friday, June 2, 2023 and Saturday evening after the event they will take everything down. They asked if the town would agree that the cost stay the same, at \$500.00 for the rental of the entire park. Councilwoman MacLane made a motion that the agreement remains the same and Councilman Artice second the motion. All in favor.

A request was received from Whitney Hafer, who is a teacher at Friendsville Elementary School. Mrs. Hafer is requesting the approval from the town for the school to incubate, hatch and raise chicks. The town will look into this and discuss it at the next council meeting.

Letter from DNR: The town has been informed that the Board of Public Works has approved our request for reimbursement for replacing the deteriorated fence that was around the horseshoe pits in the community park. The funding request is through Program Open Space agency in the amount of \$10,800.00.

The National Police Bloodhound Association will once again be coming for their annual seminar beginning Saturday, April 22, 2023 and will conclude on Thursday, April 27, 2023. They would like to use the Town of Friendsville as a training facility, as they have in the past. The town council unanimously supported this and are looking forward to having them back.

Mayor's Report

- The Mayor attended the PACE (Positive Attitudes Change Everything) reception and breakfast last month in Annapolis. This event is sponsored by Allegany and Garrett counties to host the legislators and state officials from Annapolis. Following the breakfast Friday morning the Garrett County Mayors and several other agencies met with the various funding sources to speak about projects in our municipalities.
- The Mayor reminded everyone that the municipal election for three council seats would be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 from 12 noon until 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers.
- The next meeting for the new Comprehensive Plan will be held this Thursday evening at 5:00 p.m. with our consultant here at the town hall.

Committees

Tree Committee: Nothing.

Christmas: Nothing.

Buildings: Nothing.

Streets: Patching is needed at the entrance to the school and several other locations in town.

Economic Development: Nothing.

Safety: Nothing.

Park: The mayor had the employees take down the nets from the volleyball and tennis courts as requested.

Trees/Shrubs: Nothing.

Clerk's Report and Payables:

Councilman Sines moved to accept the clerk's report and approve the payables for the month of January. Councilman Hook seconds the motion. All in favor.

Concerns of Council Members:

Nothing.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Approved :

Spencer Schlang
Mayor

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Respectfully submitted,

Pamela S. Humberson

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