

Friendsville Town Council Minutes
May 1, 2023

Attendance: Mayor Spencer Schlosnagle, and Wanda Guard, Administrative Assistant/Clerk/Treasurer. Council members: Pamela Humberson, Michael Artice, Edward Kelley, Sheryl MacLane, and Robert Sines. Public: Christian Mash, Garrett County States Attorney, Jennifer Uphold, Friendsville Pharmacy, Kim Alexander and Clair Sullivan, reporter, The Garrett Republican newspaper. Zach Trautwein was not able to attend.

Call to Order: Council President Humberson called May 1, 2023, the general meeting of the Mayor and Town Council to order at 6:04 pm.

Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance: All attending the meeting recited the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion #1: (Councilwoman MacLane/Councilman Artice): Accepted the May 1, 2023, agenda. 5 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion carries.

Motion #2: (Councilwoman MacLane/Councilman Kelly) Approval of April 17, 2023, meeting minutes with amendments.

During the discussion of the minutes, Councilwoman Humberson requested a few corrections to be made. Specifically, on the first page, it was suggested to add "Route 742" after "south side of the road". On the second page "the plan" should be added. On the third page under amendment to motion #3 add poles to the sentence regarding the reflective bands on the lights. Next paragraph, change "paved trail" to the extension of Kendall Trail. On the next page add the word "is" in the sentence, Council will not charge for the use of the park since it is for the town.

5 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion carries.

To The Floor:

At a council meeting, States Attorney, Christian Mash, announced his plans for the office and personally introduce himself. Judge Gregory had recently appointed Mash to a four-year term in office, and as a career prosecutor with no political ambitions, he was eager to serve the county and prioritize the safety and security of its residents. Mash's goal was simple: to ensure a fair and transparent justice system where everyone is treated equally. He believed that people should be fully aware of what is happening in their community and understand how the justice system operates. Garrett County had a diverse range of issues, but Mash had identified four main priorities for his office. Firstly, he wanted to address child abuse by collaborating with the Department of Social Services and the prosecution team. Secondly, he aimed to reduce truancy rates in the county by working closely with the school system. Thirdly, he wanted to focus on rehabilitating juvenile offenders. Finally, he recognized the severity of the drug problem in the county and planned to work with the Sheriff's Department to tackle the issue of narcotics. Moving forward, Mash hoped to have a fully staffed office so that he could better serve the community. He also intended to re-examine the processes and software used in his office to ensure optimal efficiency. Mash made it clear that he was always available to assist or answer any questions.

Kim Alexander reported that after being replaced, the front railing of the stage is causing an obstruction to the audience's view of the performance. To address this issue, she consulted with Chad Fike, the Assistant Director of Planning and Land Management, who provided her with a printed document indicating that the railing is not required for stages. Mayor Schlosnagle explained that the town's insurance policy mandates the presence of the railing, so it cannot be removed due to liability. Additionally, she inquired about the feasibility of installing a shade structure over the pavement area in front of the stage, as it can get uncomfortably hot during daytime events. After receiving Kim Alexander's report and suggestions, the Council members have acknowledged her concerns and stated that they will take her suggestions under advisement.

Unfinished Business:

Spring Clean-Up: A successful event; three large dumpsters were used and extremely full. Garrett County inmates assisted on Saturday with clean-up.

EV Chargers: Cheryl DeBerry shared that The MD Clean Energy Center is still going through the application process. It will be some time until we find out if the grants are awarded. They did submit the town lot by the park instead of the library lot. The program requires 4 contiguous spaces available for the chargers and one of those spaces must be ADA-compliant.

Program Open Space: Mayor Schlosnagle contacted Sam Burke on 4/20/2023 and shared that he has not received a proposal to date. Zach is collecting information regarding solar lighting. The POS application is due May 31, 2023.

The MML's Summer Conference is scheduled to take place in Ocean City, MD from June 25-28, 2023. Among the attendees will be Council members Michael Artice and Sheryl MacLane, as well as Mayor Schlosnagle.

As for the FVFD Concession Stand, no plan or proposal has been received from Terry Spear at this time.

There will be an AL/GAR Chapter dinner meeting on May 17, 2023, to be held in the Town of Luke. The event will include a meet and greet with speakers Senator McKay, Delegate Hinebaugh, and Delegate Buckel, who will provide a legislative wrap-up. Council members Michael Artice, Sheryl MacLane, Edward Kelley, Wanda Guard, and Mayor Schlosnagle will be in attendance. The group will leave the town hall building at 4:30 p.m.

New Business:

Friendsville Library

Motion #3: (Councilman Kelley/Councilwoman MacLane): Approval to contact Attorney Michael Llewellyn to proceed with the sale of the property to the Ruth Enlow Library and to prepare the agreement.

5 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion carries.

Mayor's Report:

- Horseshoe Pit Gate: Mike Carr with Industrial Fence, LLC adjusted the gate.
- Jarrett Mahoney contacted constituents regarding code valuations.
- The Comprehensive Plan group met on Thursday, April 27, 2023. A map was shared with the council.
- Service Master came on April 18th regarding the issue in the maintenance building.
- Pam Jasper will be planting the flowers at the Honor Roll, the park entrance, and in the town hall planters.
- Peggy Jamison will be meeting with Wanda on Tuesday, May 2nd to review the CDBG grant paperwork and assist with filing the documents.
- Townwide Yard Sale is on May 27, 2023; flyers have been distributed.
- Circuit Rider interviews will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2023. Mayor Schlosnagle will be assisting with the interviews in Oakland.
- Yardlines Landscaping is not available, he recommended Will Gallagher. The council agreed to move forward with Will since the work needs to be done soon.

Committees Reports:

- Buildings: Nothing
- Streets: Nothing
- Christmas Activities: Nothing
- Economic Development: Nothing
- Safety: The sinkhole on the main street by Marathon gas station. GC public utilities and SHA are aware of and working on the issue.
- Community Park: It was brought to the attention of Councilman Kelley that the basketball court needs to be painted and repaired. Mayor Schlosnagle will check on grant funding with Siera Wigfield.
- Trees & Shrubs: Nothing

Clerk's Report: Payables & Receivables

Wanda shared the reports for review with the council for the month of April. It was suggested that the Lion's Club electric bill be changed to FVFD, and they should be billed annually for reimbursement.

Motion #4: (Councilwoman MacLane/Councilman Kelley): Approval of payable & receivables for April 2023. 5 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion carries.

Concerns of Council Members:

None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Wanda M. Guard

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Approved:
Spencer Schlosnagle
Mayor

5/14/23