

Friendsville Town Council Minutes
September 18, 2023

Attendance:

Mayor Spencer Schlosnagle, and Wanda Guard, Administrative Assistant, Clerk-Treasurer. Council members: Michael Artice, Edward Kelley, Sheryl MacLane, Robert Sines, and Zachary Trautwein.

Public: Friendsville PTO-Hannah Beachy, State Senator Mike McKay and The Republican newspaper reporter-Claire Sullivan.

Call to Order: With the absence of the Council President Humberson, Wanda Guard called September 18, 2023, the general meeting of the Mayor and Town Council to order at 6:05 p.m. and ask for a motion to select a Council President pro tem

Motion #1: (Councilwoman MacLane/Councilman Trautwein): Ed Kelley was nominated to serve as Council President pro tem. 5 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion carries.

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

Motion #2: (Councilwoman MacLane/Councilman Trautwein): Approval to accept the September 18, 2023, agenda. 5 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion carries.

Motion #3: (Councilwoman MacLane/Councilman Artice): Approval to accept the August 7, 2023, general meeting minutes. 5 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion carries.

To The Floor:

Hannah Beachy, Friendsville PTO presented the Trunk or Treat event that will be held on October 6, 2023, at the Friendsville Community Park circle drive/pavilion. Collaborating with several businesses, Food trucks, GC Sheriff Department, Rescue Squad, Friendsville Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department & JTF1. JTF provides fun activities. The cost for the JTF1 is \$675.00, they have received a \$300.00 donation, Hannah requested if the Mayor & Town Council could cover the additional \$375.00.

Motion #4: (Councilman Sines/Councilwoman MacLane): Approval of \$375.00 donation to Friendsville PTO for the Trunk or Treat event. 5 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion carries.

State Senator Mike McKay came to present "The 90 Day Report" which is a review of the 2023 Legislative Session. It is a collection of bills that was passed and how he voted on the bill. He encouraged open dialogue and a transparent government and to be accountable to all. As they move forward to 2024 session, Senator McKay shared that if the town needs anything, let them know early.

Unfinished Business:

Ruth Enlow Library – The deed has been prepared by Michael Llewellyn, signed & given to Thomas Vose for the Library board to review & sign. Councilman Kelley recommended that we work with Thomas to obtain a photo of the final signing of the document.

Central Garrett Little League (Craig Umbel) – Craig ordered the steel from Rigidply Rafters, and it was delivered, and Wanda processed the invoice for payment to Rigidply Rafters. Councilman Kelley will talk with Craig and verify when the work will be done to the dugouts.

Rosana Felizardo – Chad Fike approved the fence permit.

Maryland Food Bank “Shop the Truck” – The first event was on September 13th, and it was successful. “Shop the Truck” will continue the second Wednesday of the month at the library.

Motion #5: (Councilwoman MacLane/Councilman Artice): Approval for the purchase of Convex Acrylic Safety Mirror 30” for Ross Avenue & Convex Safety Mirror 36” for the curve of Walnut Street from ULINE for approximately \$450.00 5 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion carries.

Skyline Excavating & Tree Service – Estimate was received for tree removal at Friendship Heights \$5,850.00 & at the Town Hall on the riverbank \$1,950.00.

Motion #6: (Councilwoman MacLane/Councilman Trautwein): Approval to move forward with the Skyline Excavating & Tree Service with the tree removal and accept both estimates from the contingency fund. 5 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion carries.

Grants

- *Program Open Space* (Recreational Park Pavilion) packet was submitted to Sierra Wigfield which was forwarded on to Tiffany R. DePaoli today.
- *Community Parks & Playground* (Restroom/Electric Room) packet was submitted 08/23/2023 for \$241,604.00 to Tiffany R. DePaoli for FY2025. Award will be announced May or June 2024.

Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting – “Friendsville Needs Your Input” on Thursday, September 21, 2023, at FVFRD 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. The potential recommendation document is located on the website.

New Business:

Jennifer Virts has requested to use the stage for rehearsal, May 1, 2024 & the production of “Matilda Jr” on May 2 and May 3, 2024.

Motion #7: (Councilman Trautwein/Councilman Artice): Approval for Jennifer Virts to use the stage for rehearsal, May 1, 2024 & the production of “Matilda Jr” on May 2, 2024, and May 3, 2024, and to waive the fee. 5 Favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion carries

Reappointment of Members

- Planning Commission Members
Phil Smith – 5-year appointment & Spencer R. Schlosnagle, 1-year council liaison member

Motion #8: (Councilman Sines/Councilman Trautwein): Approval to accept the reappointment of the members for the Planning Commission Members.

5 Favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion carries

- Zoning Board of Appeal Members (1-year term)
Robert Smith, Kimberly Thomas, Robin Sines & Chad Fike

Motion #9: (Councilwoman MacLane/Councilman Artice): Approval to accept the reappointment of the members for the Zoning Board of Appeal Members.

5 Favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion carries

2023 Audit, Jo Sheffield, Risks of Fraud – Mayor & Council Questionnaires was distributed, completed, and collected.

MML Excellence in Leadership Fall Conference -Sunday, October 15, 2023, through Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at College Park, MD

Motion #10: (Councilwoman MacLane/Councilman Trautwein): Approval of use of funds for the MML Fall Conference for Mayor Spencer Schlosnagle, Councilman Kelley & Zoning Board Member, Kim Thomas.

5 Favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion carries

The Woodman Life Chapter 45 presented our town with a 4x6 American flag.

Mayor's Report:

- Solar lights have been put up. Mayor Schlosnagle invited council members to check them out and invited feedback regarding the lights.
- Johnny DeWitt has shared that he has an interest in purchasing property over by the Dollar General and putting in a "Truck Lot" and he was to be at the meeting this evening.
- GCPS Foundation – grants are available for schools. Friendsville received a \$250.00 grant.
- Potomac Edison installed a new light pole and will be repairing the sidewalk next to the pharmacy either this week or next week.
- Rachelle Watkins is the newly appointed Circuit Rider. Peggy Jamison will be stepping down at the end of the year.
- Garrett Workforce Housing Alliance will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at the Senior Center 6:00 p.m. in Grantsville, MD
- The Garrett County Commissioners announce the appointment of Samuel Grant, MS, NRP, MDPEMP, as the new Director of Emergency Management.
- Town rack cards will be done again for 2024; information will need to be submitted to our office by October.
- Dred & Clint have shared that the courts need repairs. The basketball/tennis court was repaired 6 years ago. Mayor Schlosnagle will investigate companies that can repair the courts.

Clerk's Report, Payables, & Receivables

August's clerk's summary and QuickBooks expense, income & salary reports reviewed with the council.

Motion #11: (Councilman Trautwein/Councilman Sines): Approval to accept the clerk's report, payables, receivables & salaries for the month of August.

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

Committees Reports:

- Buildings: Nothing
- Safety: Nothing
- Streets & Sidewalks: Mayor Schlosnagle will contact Precision Concrete regarding working on the sidewalks.
- Community Park: Councilman Trautwein shared that there are bees in the overhead bar entrance of the tennis court; Mayor Schlosnagle will have the facility maintenance spray.
- Trees & Shrub: Council Kelley shared that the DNR need to give approval to trim the trees in the area on the Kendall Trail
- Economic Development: Councilman Trautwein shared that the Root Café will be opening for business. Wanda Guard shared that Russ Driskel with Merlo Construction in working with Fred Fox/Ken's Irish Pub to provide space for an inspection office. They will be doing bridge work on the bridge on Rt.42 going toward Markleysburg, PA. They will be renting from September 2023 through April 2025. They will need 2-3 vehicle parking spaces in the daytime only. Councilwoman MacLane shared that another AIRB&B will be going into town.

Concerns of Council Members: No concerns

Next Meeting: The next town council meeting will be on October 2, 2023, starting at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Motion #12: (Councilwoman MacLane/Councilman Trautwein): Approval to adjourn the meeting. 5 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion carries.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wanda M. Guard

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Administrative Assistant, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:

Genard Schlosnagle,
Mayor

10/2/2023