

Minutes for Town Meeting

August 7, 2017

Call to Order: Mayor Diehl called the meeting to order with 5 council members present.

Attendance: Councilman Walker, Councilwoman Newman-Edwards, Councilman Towers, Councilwoman McGee, Councilman Downton, and Administrator Robin Jones.

Guests: Logan Wilburn – Cub Scouts, Deputy Adam Rounds – Garrett County Sheriff’s Department, and Jean Siegrist – Town Resident.

Minutes: The minutes from the July 3, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

Financial Report: Councilman Walker moved to accept the June 2017 financial report. Council Newman-Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Logan Wilburn: Logan is 13 years old and an 8th grader at Northern Middle School. Attendance to the Town Council meeting is the final step to acquiring his communications badge. He will be pursuing his Eagle Scout Badge in the near future.

Deputy Rounds: The Garrett County Sheriff’s Office completed 16 hours of service in Grantsville for the month of July 2017. A deputy also assisted with the changing of a flat tire during these patrol hours. Logan Wilburn asked Deputy Rounds if PA loud speakers were banned on trucks and also if there was a height restriction on light bars. Deputy Rounds will check into both questions. Councilman Downton requested that the department monitor park throughout the night. He heard shouting in the park one evening at approximately 2:30AM. Adam also reported that he believes there are approximately 8 registered sex offenders living in the town at this time.

Administrator Report: Gary Wilt House: The property located at 215 Main Street has been sold and will be remodeled and rented to a family. **Town Wide Yard Sale/Lions Chicken BBQ:** The Lions Club will be selling BBQ chicken dinners on September 9th during the town wide yard sale. **Cornerstone Assembly of God:** The church has rented pavilion #3 for August 13th. They have an inflatable slip and slide that will need a stream of water from approximately 1:30-4:00PM. Council will donate the water usage this year and then decide if things will change if they choose to rent again next year. **Dave Bicker:** Mr. Bicker’s 60 day clean up notice

expires on August 21st. So far nothing has been removed and the fine has not been paid. **Bob Leece:** The property located at 179 Main Street is for sale.

Mayor Report: GCM Report: Don Sincell has been appointed interim mayor of Mountain Lake Park with the passing of Leo Martin. Garrett County Community Action will be utilizing grant monies to purchase blighted properties in the town's and fixing them up for rent-to-own parcels. Jarrett Mahoney compiled a list from each of the towns. GCM's 2017-2018 budget was approved. **103 Main Street:** The mayor will be attending a meeting on September 2 following the A&E Meeting to discuss options for this parcel. Items to talk about include plans for the parcel and funding sources to bring those plans to fruition. Questions regarding the building and land should be directed to Karen Reckner from the Garrett County Arts Council.

AI-GAR MML Dinner: The Town of Loch Lynn will be hosting the next dinner on August 16. Council will let the administrator know if they plan to attend.

Outdoor Art Ordinance: Several things were discussed at the A&E Meeting of July 29. Changes will be made to allow it to fit into what the town would like to see abided by and then it will be brought to the council for further changes. Once all changes are approved it will go to public meeting then final approval by the Council.

GRO Committee: Councilman Walker would like to volunteer the GRO Committee to help the town with economic development in the future. He feels that a council member should be a part of the committee at all times. The committee can suggest ideas to the town and do most of the work to see if the idea fits into the town scope of things. They can also assist with fundraising and other things.

National League of Cities: The mayor spoke to a rep at the MML Convention in June. He will request them to attend the September 11 meeting for a 15 -minute presentation. He will request information be provided to the council before the meeting date.

Comcast Agreement: The town is entitled to up to 5% commission from all households that have Comcast services. Council chose not to request a commission as this would mean each household would incur a price increase to provide a commission to the town.

Jean Siegrist: She arrived late to the meeting and inquired if a member of law enforcement attended this evening' meeting. The second inquiry was if the person that was asking to connect to town sewer behind The Goodwill Home was granted permission. The mayor explained that he was granted permission but had not completed the work yet.

Next meeting will be held on Monday, September 11, 2017 beginning at 6PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

Administrator, Robin L. Jones

Mayo/Pres., Mark C. Diehl