

Minutes for Town Meeting

September 11, 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: Lisa Rounds and Kim Lishia – Ruth Enlow Library Grantsville Branch, Brenda Ruggiero – The Republican Newspaper, and Adam Rounds – Garrett County Sheriff's Department.

Minutes: The minutes for the August 7, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

Financial Report: Councilman Walker moved to accept the July 2017 financial report. Councilwoman Newman-Edwards seconded. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Department: For the month of August 2017 the department performed 15 hours of general patrol. There were 3 deputies present for the Western Maryland Truck Show. They also assisted with the truck convoy. They are available to assist with a certified letter delivery that was not picked up at the post office.

The Republican: Brenda Ruggiero provided information that the Grantsville office for the paper will be closing at the end of September. All operations will be taken care of from the Oakland office.

Administrator Report: Code Enforcement and Circuit Rider Budget: The invoices were paid to Community Action for the listed services. Due to a larger amount being contributed by the County Commissioners the town's total percentage came in \$614.14 less than budgeted. **Department of Juvenile Services:** The three juveniles that vandalized the park early this year have all completed their payments for the fine that was issued. **123 Main Street:** A certified letter including a \$250.00 fine for the violation of the debris, trash, and rubbish ordinance has been mailed. The letter has not been picked up at the post office to this date. The Sheriff's Department may be contacted to assist with a home delivery.

Mayor Report: PACE Reception: Senator Edwards and Delegate Beitzel gave the attendees at the last GCM, Inc. meeting some tips on how to streamline the

presentation process at the breakfast meeting. We will begin to draft a list of potential projects that may need funding. Mayor Diehl, Councilman Downton, and Councilman Walker would all like to attend the reception in January 2018.

First Energy: The mayor visited the location of First Energy in Cumberland, MD to test street light wattages. He feels that main streets should use the brightest wattages while back streets could use the middle watt. Mayor Diehl will set a meeting with Don Beatty from First Energy in the near future to complete the bulb replacements.

Street Paving: A list has been put together by the town employees of streets that need blacktop attention this fall. The administrator will email the list to the Mayor and Council to see if they have any additions.

10588 National Pike: This property was recently sold to Troy Mast. The previous owner chose to use the curb side garbage collection even though he was not required to due to the fact he was not provided with other town services such as municipal water connections. Mr. Mast wishes to not use the curb side garbage services. Councilwoman Newman-Edwards moved to issue a temporary waiver on this service until the property is connected to town water services. Councilwoman McGee seconded. Motion carried.

Rt. 495 Crosswalks: State Highway will be submitting for grant funds to provide the town with a decorative crosswalk at the intersection of Rt. 40 and Rt. 495. Council feels the easier to maintain option is best due to the fact that snow plows will cause issues with the duration of certain methods of installation of a brick look pavement area. Joel Resh from SHA will be contacted to get further information such as what is the warranty and who is responsible to complete repairs if they are necessary.

Outdoor Art Ordinance: The A&E Committee met and completed the final changes to the ordinance. The mayor and council have been provided copies and asked to have any changes submitted to the administrator by September 18. Once final decisions are made a public hearing will be scheduled and the proper steps will be taken to adopt the ordinance.

Department of Maryland Tourism: Councilwoman Newman-Edwards provided information that there will be a camera crew in the area to showcase the National Road from Hagerstown to Grantsville and Scenic Byways. They will be staying at the Savage River Lodge on September 28 and 29. They plan to feature Spruce Forest, The Cornucopia Café, Penn Alps, and the Casselman River Bridge.

Secretary of Labor and Licensing: The Secretary will be at Mountain Top Driving School on September 27th.

Economic Development Seminar: Councilwoman Newman-Edwards will be attending a free seminar on economic development at Frostburg State University on September 27 & 28.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 2, 2017 beginning at 6PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05PM.

Administrator, Robin L. Jones

Mayor/Pres., Mark C. Diehl