

November 6, 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: Jody Theriot – Town Resident.

Minutes: The minutes for the October 16, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

Financial Report: Councilman Walker moved to accept the September 2017 financial report. Councilman Towers seconded. Motion carried.

Administrator Report: Casselman Discharge: The administrator checked with the town guys about the color of the discharge into the Casselman River reported by Mr. Theriot at the last meeting. The change in the color is due to the water level of the river being abnormally low. Bill and Mike test the discharge two times per day and it is within the acceptable levels. **Light Up Night:** The time for the Christmas Tree Lighting on December 1st has been set for 7PM. **Christmas Light Judging:** Mayor Diehl will check with the Grantsville Rotary to set a date and time for the commercial and residential light judging.

Mayor Report: Trotta/Speicher Property: There is a section of property located at 137/139 Main Street that was originally could have been a town street. The property was never developed into a street and the town has decided to allow the two property owners to split the 10' equally. A quit claim deed will need to be drafted and signed by the town to complete the process. **GCM, Inc:** One of the topics discussed at the most recent meeting was regarding broadband capability around Garrett County. The group Engage Maryland was in attendance and they would like to see housing developed for families that would relocate to our area to seek employment. They would also like to hold a symposium sometime next year to bring CEO's and larger companies to Garrett County to showcase what the county has to offer. **MML Dinner:** The City of Frostburg will host the next MML Dinner at The Draft on Main Street on Wednesday, November 8, 2017. The Mayor, Councilman Downton, and Councilwoman Newman-Edwards will be attending.

Charter Amendment: MML will be contacted to request the proper procedure to amend the town charter. The charter is still in its' original created form and needs several updates to bring it more current.

Well #5 Issues: the senior engineer of MES Partha has been sent an SD Card of the inside of well #5. Partha will see if he can provide information to Somerset Well Drilling regarding the status of the well casing and if the pitless can be replaced without jeopardizing the well itself. The cost of the pitless is around \$13,000.00 and Somerset does not want any other problems to occur that could have been addressed beforehand.

Outdoor Art Ordinance: The condensed reading of the ordinance was done at the meeting. There were no public comments provided during the comment period. Councilman Downton moved to adopt the ordinance. Councilwoman McGee seconded. Motion carried. The ordinance will go into effect 30 days after the adoption which will be December 6, 2017.

UTV/ATV Resolution: An email and text poll was sent to the council members regarding allowing ATV's and UTV's to operate on town streets. The vote was 3 in favor and 2 against. Resolution was signed and will be sent to Sheriff Rob Corley on Tuesday the 7th.

Mt. Laurel Medical Center: The medical center is still trying to find additional parking for their facility. The area between the medical center and the pond would only allow for 2 spaces and that would be too costly to build. Charles Wilt suggested using the area between the medical center and the library. They would pay for the entire project and also complete and pay for any repairs that are necessary to the drainage pipe located under the property. Councilwoman Newman-Edwards made a motion to allow the medical center to proceed with the necessary steps to acquire the land. Councilwoman McGee seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 4-1. Councilman Towers abstained from voting. The stipulations are they will need to acquire the Ruth Enlow Library's permission and also create paperwork that states they will complete and pay for all repairs that become necessary for the drainage pipe.

Employee Christmas Bonus: Councilwoman Newman-Edwards moved to give the full time employees a \$500 bonus and the part time employee a \$300 bonus. These will be run through payroll and the necessary taxes held off of each. Councilman Walker seconded. Motion carried.

Christmas Decorations: The Lions Club will be hanging the Main Street decorations on Saturday, November 18 beginning at 8:30AM. Someone will need to be at town hall to let them into the garage to get the decorations.

Lions Club Donations: The club voted to donate \$150.00 towards the purchase of LED large bulb Christmas Tree Lights for the town tree. They also voted to donate \$400.00 towards the purchase of an ADA compliant wheelchair swing for the park.

Directional Signage: Councilman Towers made a motion to purchase 6 sandwich board signs that can be used by the truck show, Grantsville Days, Christmas in the Village, town wide yard sale using A&E grant money. Councilman Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held on Monday, November 20, 2017 beginning at 6PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.

Administrator, Robin L. Jones

Mayor/Pres., Mark C. Diehl