

Minutes for Town Meeting

April 17, 2017

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

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

Guests: Emily Newman-Edwards, Jody Theriot, and Regina Holliday – Town Residents. Gerry Beachy, Sue Beachy, Lynn Patton, Linda Patton, Linda Strider, and John Strider – Grantsville Community Museum.

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

Financial Report: Councilman Downton moved to accept the March 2017 report. Councilman Towers seconded. Motion carried.

Garbage Collection Bids: 2 bids were received for curb side garbage collection for the contract year July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018. They are as follows: Perry's \$21,290.00 and Sunrise \$36,200.00. Councilman Jones moved to accept the bid from Perry's. Councilwoman McGee seconded. Motion carried.

Administrator Report: Computers & Internet: CHIPS Network has completed the installation and hook up of the new computers and internet service. Everything seems to be working well so far.

Mayor Report: Code Enforcement and Circuit Rider Budget: Garrett County Community Action will receive a lower amount of grant funding for FY 2017-2018 to assist with the salaries of the code enforcement officer and the circuit rider. The County Commissioners have agreed to provide an additional \$10,000.00 to help. Each municipality has been asked to increase their amounts provided. Grantsville will increase their amount for code enforcement from \$3,000.00 to \$6,442.58. The amount for circuit rider will increase from \$1,000.00 to \$1,964.85. The Mayor suggested that the council consider implementing these increases as they are both very valuable services for the town.

Bulk Trash Day: Garrett County offers reduced rates to municipalities that host an annual large trash pick-up day for its' residents. Council decided that due to the fact we offer bulk trash pick-up any day of the week that this was not something beneficial to participate in this year.

Grantsville Community Museum Committee: Members of the committee appeared before council to provide the State of the Museum Report. Lynn Patton is the President, Sue Beachy is the Vice President, Gerry Beachy is the Secretary, John Strider is the Treasurer, Linda Strider is the Recording Secretary, Linda Patton is a Member of the Board. The board extended an invitation for the mayor and council to schedule a visit as they have done in the past and also to drop in any time to see some of the new exhibits they have created and also the changes that have been made. The Museum is a 501C3 under the blanket of The Garrett County Historical Society. The Historical Society carries insurance coverage on the Museum contents. The County owns the building and charges them \$1.00 per year rent. The County Commissioners also provide an annual stipend to assist with operating and maintenance. All involved are on a volunteer basis and no one receives compensation. They are kept in operation by way of donations, fundraising dinners, and silent auctions. Hours of operation are May to October, Friday and Saturday with special openings to organizations upon request. They have assisted with the completion of several documentaries on the B-52 Memorial and events surrounding it. Many of the people interviewed for the documentary have since passed away and their documentaries are one of the few pieces of history left for generations to come. Another large part of the Museum is the Leo Beachy Exhibit. Also, they hosted a 50th anniversary of the Korean War and had an overwhelming amount of donations pertaining to the event. The Star-Spangled Banner Event brought flags of 50 different origins to the building. They currently have a Main Street Now and Then Exhibit that showcases Yoder's Country Market, the old creamery, Casselman Motors, and the Blacksmith Shop that was once located on Rt. 495 just outside of town. The Museum accepts donations of items to be displayed – these are documented and logged. They also accept on loan items that are only displayed for a short period of time and then returned to the owners. Currently they are looking to have a sump pump installed in the basement at a total cost quoted by BYCO Enterprises of \$2,000.00. They are also looking to purchase a heat pump/air conditioning system and install insulation on the second floor. The Pergo flooring also needs to be replaced and new storm windows are necessary. A few years back they applied for a Heritage Area Grant of \$20,000.00 but were not able to acquire the match needed for the grant so therefore did not finish the application process. The committee is asking for any assistance the town can offer. They are a focal point located in the center of town as well as being located in the newly designated Arts and Entertainment District. They draw people into town and keep them here to dine and maybe even stay for a night or two. The National Road

Festival of 2016 brought 150 visitors to the museum. The 2014 B-52 celebration brought 400 visitors. Mayor Diehl thanked each and every one for their time and commitment to making the museum a success. Sue Beachy added that the town needs to preserve our history for future generations. Lynn Patton added that the new windows are more expensive due to the fact they need to match the time period of the museum and cannot be new window styles. Council will discuss the possibility of adding a line item to the new budget for the Museum.

Memorial Day: The mayor has invited Senator Cardin's Office, Senator Van Hollen's Office, and Congressman Delany's Office. Emily Newman-Edwards has agreed to provide the parade and picnic programs for the event.

Fishing Rodeo: The rodeo has been cancelled for this year due to the pond dredging.

GRO Committee: The next event will be the National Road Festival, May 13th thru May 20th. There is a full schedule of events scheduled for this entire week beginning with the town wide yard sale on May 13th. The schedule of events will be placed on the town's FaceBook page.

Parking Lot: Regina Holliday would like to see the handicapped parking spots remarked on the lot. She also volunteered to help with any painting that may be necessary.

Hershberger Avenue: The administrator will acquire pricing to double stripe Hershberger Avenue and also lines at the Grantsville Elementary School at the request of the mayor.

The next meeting will be held on May 15, 2017 beginning at 5:45PM with the budget hearing.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.

Administrator, Robin L. Jones

Mayor/Pres., Mark C. Diehl

