

Minutes from Town Meeting

May 15, 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: Lucy Stein – Town Resident, Adam Rounds – Garrett County Sheriff's Department.

Minutes: The minutes from the April 17, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

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

Deputy Rounds: April 2017 was a quiet month for the town. No issues with the Justin Hetrick Memorial Run that began at the park. The speed trailer is still in need of repairs.

Lucy Stein: WOW will be marching in the Memorial Day Parade this year. They will have a banner and small group of members. Ms. Stein would like to see the potholes on Livengood Lane repaired. There is also one in front of Fred Holliday's house on Hershberger Avenue.

Administrator Report: MEMA Resolution: The mayor read the resolution that allows the town to receive federal and state funding from MEMA and FEMA in the case of emergencies. Councilman Towers moved to accept the resolution. Councilman Walker seconded. Motion carried. **Code Enforcement and Circuit Rider:** The amounts the town will be responsible to pay for the next budget have increased. Consensus of council was to put the new figures in the budget and continue to participate in the programs. **Penn Alps:** Penn Alps is having water clarity issues. A representative was to be at the meeting this evening to request being removed from town water service. She had to consult with the board before attending so they may be at a later meeting. Ms. Stein stated that maybe their well water is not safe and environmental health should be contacted before they are allowed to be removed from town water service. **Dave Bicker:** Mr. Bicker has not paid his code enforcement violation of \$50.00, the case will be referred to the Garrett County Court System.

Mayor Report: Maryland Sustainable Growth Award: The mayor and 4 others will be attending the awards ceremony on May 18 in Annapolis. **High Country Creamery Ribbon Cutting:** Multiple local, state, and federal officials attended the ribbon cutting on Saturday, May 13th. It was a successful event. **Drive One for Your School:** Diehl's Ford held this event to assist the Grantsville Elementary with their playground equipment fundraiser. **Municipal Election:** The election ran smoothly and was well organized. The mayor thanked Councilman Jones for his years of service. He also thanked Lucy Stein for running for council. **AL/GAR MML Dinner:** the dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 17th at High Country Creamery beginning at 5:30PM.

Memorial Day Donations: Donations are arriving at town hall the same as last year's event. Blake Walker will check on the donation from the Lions Club. Mark Diehl will check on the one from the Grantsville Rotary and Diehl's Ford.

Tennis Courts and Basketball Courts: Councilman Walker questioned if the courts will be reserviced this year. The administrator applied for a grant to do both but may run out of funds before they are both completed.

Storm Water Pond: The mayor inquired about the loss of water in the pond. A resident felt that maybe the liner was damaged during the pond dredging. Engineer Kerry Shultz checked on it and he feels there is more room for the water to gather and that there is not a leak.

FY Budget 2017-2018: Councilman Downton moved to approve the 2017-2018 budget. Councilman Walker seconded. Motion carried.

In Memory Ronald Gillum: Councilman Walker made a motion to purchase a plaque in memory of Dr. Ronald Gillum and his 35 years of service to the town. Councilman Towers seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held on Monday, May 22, 2017 beginning at 6PM. This will be an organizational meeting for the new council members.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45PM.

Administrator, Robin L. Jones

Mayor/Pres., Mark C. Diehl