

## **Minutes for Town Meeting**

**July 3, 2017**

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

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

**Guests:** Deputy Adam Rounds – Garrett County Sheriff’s Dept., Debbie Daniels – Town Resident.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the June 19, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

**Deputy Rounds:** The sheriff’s department completed 58 hours of patrol in the month of June for Grantsville. There were no issues during the Grantsville Days weekend. They will be watching Hershberger Avenue and Miller Street for parking violations that are still occurring even with the street lines that were recently painted on both streets.

**Administrator Report: 103 Main Street:** This parcel of land has been donated to the Garrett County Arts Council. There was a remaining water/sewer bill in the amount of \$85.68. Councilman Walker moved to credit the remaining balance and not begin charging for these utilities until the building opens. Councilwoman Newman-Edwards seconded. Motion carried. **170 Miller Street:** The former building occupied by Pampered Smiles has been sold to Melinda Gibson and Blake Walker dba Parkview Rentals. **Building Permits:** There will be 2 new single-family homes coming to town limits, one at 24 Pennsylvania Avenue and one at 222 Grant Street. **MML Convention:** There were many interesting classes at the convention this year, the most beneficial for the town was “Tiny Town Forum”. It addressed many issues that town with a population of 2,000 or less face on a daily basis.

**Mayor Report: MML Convention:** The mayor devoted extra time at this year’s convention meeting the people we deal with instead of classes and workshops. He met with Mark Sterling from HD Waterworks and learned of a new valve that has a single shut off valve/bolt instead of bolts the entire way around the valve. He also spoke with a member of the National League of Cities regarding individual homeowner insurance that would cover problems that arise with water and sewer service lines and are the property owner’s responsibility to pay for the repairs on. **Mt. Laurel Medical Center Parking:** Even though the parking issue

seems to have been resolved, the town still needs to keep thinking of an alternative parking area for the center. **USDA Community Legacy Grant:** In speaking with Kendra Harmon from USDA, she stated the town should apply for funds for a new service truck or dump truck in the near future. **Maryland Department of Planning:** Dave Cotton and this organization can assist with street issues we may have. They can also help with finding funding sources and points of contact for the 103 Main Street Project.

**Don Opel:** Once Mr. Opel is connected to the sewer line he will need to pay his bill to either the County or the Town. We will check with the County and see how they would like this taken care of.

**Uniforms:** The contract with Cintas is ready for renewal. UniFirst and Cintas are submitting quotes to be considered at this time. Once more information is received it will be passed along to council so a decision can be made.

**Leo Martin:** Mayor Leo Martin from Mountain Lake Park passed away in late June 2017. Council decided to contribute a remembrance in the amount of \$25.00 through GCM, Inc. to the Southern Sports Boosters. And also from the town directly in the amount of \$25.00.

**Tax Differential:** Councilman Towers moved to accept the \$25,000.00 in lieu of the tax differential. Councilman Downton seconded the motion. Motion carried. A letter will be mailed to the Commissioners requesting the payment.

**Water Sold Outside:** The town currently sells water that is taken off site for things like filling swimming pools for a penny per gallon. The administrator will check to see if a public meeting or ordinance needs to be adopted to raise this fee.

**Around the Room: Sharrows:** Kaelob from Beitzel Corp. will be contacted to see about getting the sharrows on Rt. 40 replaced. We may also be provided with a stencil to repaint them once they are plowed away again this winter. **Comptroller of Maryland:** Peter Franchot will be visiting the High Country Creamery to present them with an award on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:30PM. The mayor and council will let the administrator know ahead of time if they plan to attend. **Don Beatty:** the mayor will contact Mr. Beatty from First Energy to let him know the wattage of the new LED lamps we want installed in the street lights. **123 Main Street:** The owner of the property was in court due to the fact the debris, trash, and rubbish has not been removed and the \$50.00 fine was not paid. They now have 60 days to clean things up and pay the fine or the next step is taken. Code

Enforcement Office Jarrett Mahoney had years of pictures and documentation on the ongoing issue. The judge stated that this has gone on way to long. There was no attempt made by the property owner to reach out to the officer or the town to solve the problem. **Parklet and Park and Ride:** A letter will be sent to Senator Edwards to request assistance with acquiring these two parcels. **170 Miller Street:** The new owners are hoping to locate a business in the lower part of the building and a rental unit upstairs. **Grantsville Days:** Friday night of the event did not do as well as hoped due to the rain. Saturday and Sunday made up for it. Most vendors were pleased. The electric at the park needs some attention before the next event. Jimmy B. is willing to assist with the repairs. **Program Open Space Grant:** The commissioners have approved the application for security cameras in the park. Now the application goes before the Board of Public Works for their approval.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 7, 2017 beginning at 6PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.

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Administrator, Robin L. Jones

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Mayor/Pres., Mark C. Diehl