

Minutes for Town Meeting

March 19, 2018

Call to Order: Mayor Diehl called the meeting to order with 4 council members present.

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

Guests: Deputy Adam Rounds and Brenda Ruggerio – The Republican.

Minutes: The minutes for the February 20, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

Financial Report: Councilman Walker moved to accept the February 2018 financial report. Councilwoman Newman-Edwards seconded. Motion carried.

Deputy Rounds: For January the sheriff's department completed 13 hours of town patrol. Nothing out of the ordinary to report. For February they completed 14 hours of patrol. This included 2 papers served, 6 sex offender hours, 4 school bus grant hours, 1 overdose, 1 destruction of property, 1 child pornography, 1 child neglect, 1 animal bite, 1 traffic arrest, 1 eviction notice, and 1 assist to the MSP for an unruly person. Deputy Rounds also reported that the sheriff's department will be taking over the responsibilities of Garrett County Animal Control effective May 2018. Animal Control will remain in business with the help of the sheriff's department. July of 2018 two more deputies will be added to their employee roster. He will also check on the status of the speed sign we would like placed on Miller Street. The sign was in need of repairs last summer and they have lost the repair person. The mayor will check to see if GCM can assist with the repairs to the sign to get it back in service.

Administrator Report: Fishing Rodeo: The Garrett County Health Department will be providing grant funds to assist with the fishing rodeo. It will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 7AM to 11AM. The health department will provide \$400.00. This will purchase prizes for the longest fish in each of the four age categories. It will also purchase Katie's Ice Cream gift cards to be used as door prizes. Donuts/pastries, coffee, hot cocoa, and water will be also provided free of charge. The health department will have a booth to recruit volunteers to start a community involvement group as well as providing games to the children and adults in attendance. **Licensed Operator:** Bill Hetrick plans to retire from the town in approximately 2 years. We will then be without a licensed operator to perform

state required water and waste water testing. Council needs to begin thinking about what avenue we will take to fill this need. Whether to contract out the services or hire a new person to do the duties. **Highway User Revenues:** The administrator has made two trips over the last month to Annapolis to attend a House Committee Meeting and a Senate Meeting in hopes of getting bills passed to reinstate the HUR funding that was taken in 2009. Approximately 75 officials from affected municipalities attended the House Meeting and 100 to the Senate. There was favorable response to the bills and we hope they will be passed and funds will be restored over the next 2 years.

Mayor Report: GCM, Inc.: At the last meeting an update of the PACE Reception was presented. **2019 Community Legacy Money:** The deadline to apply for funding has been moved up from July to May 16th this year. The town has not applied for this funding for several years. Council agreed that we will apply for funds to light the Welcome to Grantsville Arch located at the entrance to town of Rt. 495. **2018-2019 Budget:** The administrator will have the draft budget to the mayor and council by April 16th.

Planning Committee and Zoning Appeals Board: Several of the volunteers on these boards are no longer on them. A few suggestions of new members are Debi Daniels, Duane Stein II, Jody Theriot, Nancy & Frank Trotta. The administrator will check to see if anyone is interested.

MML Convention: The convention is early this year due to the convention center being used for elections. This year it will be held from June 10 through June 13. The budget is set for Mayor Diehl and Administrator Jones to attend. Money for demolition of 103 Main Street will be sought.

National Road Festival: Councilman Walker reported that the wagon train is interested in participating by speaking to children at the Grantsville Elementary School and also having one or more wagons at the Grantsville Park for questions and answer sessions. Councilwoman Newman-Edwards added that this year the reenactors have increased from 6 to 20. There will be multiple encampments in the field behind the Cornucopia Café on May 12th. There will also be cannon fire demonstrations on the 12th as well.

Grantsville Days: A craft show has been added to the schedule of events. Craft vendors will be at the Grantsville Senior Center. Direct sales vendors will be located on the tennis courts. Fire works have also been moved up ½ hour on Friday and Saturday night.

ClosetMaid Tour: The business was recently sold to a company called Griffon. A tour of the facility will be scheduled for a date after March 20th around 4:00PM so everyone can attend.

Next meeting will be held on April 2, 2018 beginning at 6PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35PM.

Administrator, Robin L. Jones

Mayor/Pres., Mark C. Diehl