

Mayor & Town Council Monthly Public Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024.

Location: Kitzmiller Community Building

Time: 7 PM

In Attendance:

- ✓ Mayor Robert Reckart
- ✓ Councilman G. Michael Brady
- ✓ Councilwoman Theresa R. Harvey
- ✓ Town Clerk Rebecca M. Glotfelty
- ✓ Councilwoman Elect Becky Lipscomb
- ✓ Councilman Elect Johnny Hawk

Mayor Reckart called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Mayor Reckart asked guest Rita Lambka to open with prayer, then led the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Reckart at this time swore in new councilmembers John Hawk & Rebecca Lipscomb.

Councilman Brady motioned to accept the meeting minutes from Monday, March 25th, 2024. Councilwoman Harvey seconded the motion. 4-0. Motion carried.

Recognized Guests:

Thomas Vose – Ruth Enlow Library – There are a lot of programs happening at the libraries throughout the county. They are currently having a Garden Improvement Program, STEAM Program, MD DNR will be joining them with Smokey the Bear, getting ready to kickstart the summer Reading program, and have had 77 participants for the 1,000 books before kindergarten.

Rita Lambka – Resident – Asked if the town had heard anything about the ongoing water issue. Informed the council that a gentleman from the state came down to a neighbor's house and got a water sample from them. *Mayor Reckart* informed everyone that he had heard from the county and was informed that the water testing that was performed by them was all within limits. The county is continuing to further investigate the issue. They believe that the issue comes from one part of the town not using as much water as the rest of the town. *Councilmember Harvey* stated that she received a letter in the mail from the Public Utilities Department stating how the testing of the water has been within the guidelines.

Theresa Harvey – Veteran Councilmember – Asked if the town would put one more "Green Turtle" on state street to try to get traffic to slow down. *Mayor Reckart* said the council would decide on that, and it will be under new business. Asked if there have been any updates on the Coal Bucket Restaurant. *Mayor Reckart* stated that we can't technically do anything about the Coal Bucket as the town, until Barb has officially closed.

Rebecca Glotfelty – Kitzmiller Town Clerk – Had a complaint about a few potholes on Kitzmiller Addition Alley and of a few places that needed to be fixed from where the snow was plowed off of the road and into someone's yard.

* Also, in attendance (with no comments) Missi Nesselrodt, Justin Nesselrodt, Sharon Paugh, Rhonda Sisler, & Diane Nye-Paugh. *

Grants:

USDA – Dump truck – Build Date is the week of May 27th, 2024. New VIN# has been received.
Community Parks & Playgrounds – Restrooms at Park – Prices for suggested prefab buildings have not been received yet. Will be sent to the council once they are received.

Project Open Space – Portable Stage – Order Invoices have been received, and the product is currently being produced.

CDBG –

1. Blighted Property – A public meeting for “Interested Parties” has been set for Monday, May 13th, 2024, at 6 PM, upstairs at the Kitzmiller Community Building.
2. Window & Floor Replacement at Community Center – Application is pending. A company out of Pittsburgh has been contacted to provide an estimate, and the new window estimate has come in from Belt and has been submitted. We are still accepting Letters of Support for those who are interested. See Beccie after the meeting to get details if you are interested in writing a letter of support for the installation of new windows and floors to the former Kitzmiller Elementary School.

Old Business:

Update on Security Systems – Installation at the School Building should be completed by May 3rd, 2024.

New Business:

Sponsorship for KEGYL – Letter:

Councilmember Brady motioned to Sponsor the youth league in the amount of \$400.00. Councilmember Hawk seconded the motion. 3-0. Motion carried.

Constant Yield Tax Rate: This was voted on in the last meeting, however, Beccie was able to speak to Zachary Grissard, the Area Supervisor. He informed Beccie that if we keep the CYTR at the same rate as last year, we do not have to do all of the extra steps to keep it the same as the previous year. Do we want to lower it to what the newly suggested tax rate is, or keep it the same as last year?

Councilmember Brady motioned to keep the vote the same, per last meeting.

Councilmember Lipscomb seconded the motion. 3-0. Motion Carried.

Gutter Tech Estimate for Library Roof:

Councilmember Brady motioned to accept the estimate from Gutter Tech in the amount of \$1,205.00 for the gutter repair above the library. Councilmember Hawk seconded the motion. 3-0. Motion carried.

Councilmember Concerns:

G. Michael Brady – Received a personal phone call about the property the lines Kitzmiller Addition Alley on the back side. The property owner is aware that the property has been sort of taken over and filled with junk. Suggested that the town send him a letter stating the ordinances that have been violated with pictures of the area. Once a response has been received from the said property owner, the town should then take the necessary measures to ensure the public safety of the property. The council agreed to send a letter to the property owner.

Johnny Hawk – Nothing.

Rebecca Lipscomb – There is a pothole at the bottom of Homestead Street that needs to be repaired. Request that the ditches on Spring Street leading down to Homestead Street be cleaned out.

Cory R. Stieringer – Absent.

Councilmember Brady motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30P. Councilmember Hawk seconded the motion. 3-0. Motion carried.

Councilmember Lipscomb motioned to enter the executive meeting at 7:34P. Councilmember Hawk seconded the motion. 3-0. Motion carried.

Councilmember Brady motioned to adjourn executive session at 7:56P. Councilmember Lipscomb seconded the motion. 3-0. Motion carried.

These meeting minutes were prepared by the Kitzmiller Town Clerk, on 04/30/2024.

Rebecca M. Glotfelty, Town Clerk

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These meeting minutes were approved by the Town Council on 6/28/24 by the following:

Mayor Robert L. Reckart *Robert L. Reckart*

Councilman G. Michael Brady *G. Michael Brady*

Councilman John Hawk *John Hawk*

Councilwoman Rebecca Lipscomb *Rebecca Lipscomb*

Councilman Cory R. Stieringer *Cory R. Stieringer*

