

Mayor & Town Council Monthly Public Meeting

Date: Monday, February 24th, 2025. **Location:** Kitzmiller Community Building **Time:** 7 PM
Postponed for Monday, March 3rd, 2025

In Attendance:

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| ✓ Mayor Robert Reckart | ✓ Councilwoman Becky Lipscomb |
| ✓ Councilman G. Michael Brady | Didn't Attend: Councilman Hawk |
| ✓ Town Clerk Rebecca M. Glotfelty | Councilman Stieringer |

**** NO QUORUM! ****

Meeting called to order: Meeting called to order at 7:02PM by Mayor Reckart. Opening Prayer was then led by Nancy Brady, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Meeting minutes from Monday, January 27th, 2025, were unable to be approved due to lack of quorum.

Recognized Guests:

Karen White – Garrett County Historical Society – Asked those in attendance what *Kitzmiller* would like to see for Coal Heritage? The society is currently working on a project that would honor those municipalities in Garrett, Allegany, and Mineral Counties who worked in the mines. The museums in Garrett County have an agreement to be open on specific dates from Easter to Thanksgiving to work together to promote each other. There are grants that will help with the promotion of Kitzmiller, which she would love to help us acquire and complete. It was also discovered that the college had a transcript of the History of Garrett County. They want all of the municipalities to work together to help promote each other by displaying information about other municipalities and their history.

Dale Lipscomb – Museum Curator – Dale stated that the museum had a few visitors over the past month and announced that the town had to replace some of the plumbing in the bathroom at the museum due to the toilet tank being frozen.

Nancy Brady – Resident/Thrift Shop – In the month of February they were able to donate \$300 to the Youth League and \$200 towards the Easter Egg Hunt. Business is still slow. Winter stuff is on sale. Encourages residents to come shop.

Rita Lambka – Is the town going to have Bulk Pick Up this year? **Mayor Reckart said, "Yes, just waiting for the approved dates from the County Commissioners on when we can have it."**

Thomas Vose – Ruth Enlow Library – The library is testing out a new program with the assistance of Maryland Legal Aid where people can go to the library to get free legal advice. The first date they have planned is April 26th. They are also working on something called "101 Things I Love About My Library."

Diane Kisner – Kitzmiller Branch Ruth Enlow Library –

- March is Irish American Month. We will have a themed display along with some fun activities.
- Learn How to Crochet programs will be offered each Wednesday in March from 5:30-6:30 pm. Supplies will be provided. Registration is required. Please contact Diane at 301-334-8091 or email diane@relib.net to sign up for this program and reserve your supplies.
- We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss during our Children's Story Time on Tuesday, March 4th, at 10:30 am with a special visit from The Cat in the Hat.
- Cover2Cover Book Club meets on the 2nd Monday of each month from 6-7pm

- LEGO Club meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 4:30-5:30pm.
- STEAM Kids meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 4:30-5:30pm.
- **April 6 -12 is National Library Week.** Kitzmiller Library will be presenting a **Magic Show** on Tuesday, April 8th from 10:30-11:30 am. Everyone is welcome to attend this special event.
- We will be hosting a **SuGO Robotics** event for students K-12 on Wednesday, April 16, from 4:30-5:30pm. This is part of our Student Discovery Series. You will not want to miss this program.
- Lacie Ashby, 4-H Educator from the University of Maryland Extension, will be presenting a program on baby chicks during our Children's Story Time on Tuesday, April 22 beginning at 10:30am.
- The University of Maryland Extension of Garrett County has selected Kitzmiller to be a pilot site for a new program called **Seed to Supper**. Seed-to-Supper is a **FREE** gardening series for adults that want to garden on a budget. There will be hands-on demonstrations in each class. Ashley Bachtel-Bodkins, Master Gardener Coordinator, will be teaching this fun and interactive seven-week program beginning March 31 from 6:00-7:00pm at the Kitzmiller Library. Other dates scheduled are April 7 & 21, May 5 & 19, June 2 & 16. Registration was required, but the class is already full!

Brian & Dawn Lynch – Residents – Just wanted to introduce themselves, they are new to the community. They were also wondering if the Town had any open grants for residents that are homeowners, to improve their homes? **Mayor Reckart stated that as of right now, there is not one. We have done them in the past with the help of different federal grant agencies.**

Grants:

USDA – Dump truck – Approval of paperwork has been received. Submitted for reimbursement.
CDBG – Blighted Property – Bernadine accepted the Town's offer to purchase the property. Craig Ingram's office is finalizing this project. Beccie met with Dona Source & Cynthia Black about this project. As of right now, the only thing that needs to be completed is the historical review. Dona was able to submit the release of funding for the Town to move forward with this project. We received our "Green Light" letter in the mail today. (Letter)

Project Open Space – Park Bathrooms – A design has been made for the park bathrooms. The blueprints are being formally completed with the Assistance of Patrick Brady. Once these are in hand, the council will then have to decide on a date for a Pre-Bid Meeting, when advertising should take place, and when the deadline for bids should be.

Thriving Communities – There is a lot of waiting going on with this grant at the moment due to the Federal Funding Freeze. However, at this point, there is a company that helps with engineering design at no charge to municipalities that work with Thriving Community Recipients to help with storm water. They are working with the grant organizers and the Town of Kitzmiller to decide when would be the best time for them to visit the Town.

Remaining Park Funds – Still waiting on Payment.

Brownfield Grant – Inventory first needs to be completed, which is scheduled for this Friday. These grants are Federal Funds from the EPA to help clean up Slum & Blight to redevelop the sites. Beccie is to ask if this grant could be used along side of CDBG for the redevelopment of the Union Street Property.

Old Business:

Streetlight @ Water Plant – Potomac Edison fixed a light. Beccie was able to contact them today. It has been assigned to a field agent, waiting on a call back from him.

Community Information Texting - David Middleton got approval for the Town of Kitzmiller to be placed on their emergency preparedness texting. "Terms of Use" has been submitted to County Administrator & Legal Department for review.

May Meeting - Has been moved to Tuesday, May 27th, 2025.

Town Elections - All Election judges that were suggested at the last meeting have accepted their positions and responsibilities. Letters of Intent are due 03/11/2025. If a primary election is needed, it will be held on 03/24/2025 from 10AM to 8PM. General Election will be held on 04/08/2025 from 10AM to 8 PM.

Sealcoating of Walkways - Advertising for bids will go out the first week of April 2025.

New Business:

Old Maintenance Trucks - Sealed bids have all been received and opened by the Mayor and Council. We received a total of 4 bids for the Chevy Pickup Truck & 7 bids for the Dump Truck. The Pickup Truck had the highest bid of \$2,251.01. The dump truck had the highest bid of \$5,176.00.

On 02/28/2025 at 12:16p Councilmember Brady made a motion to accept the bids and sell them to the highest bidder. Councilmember Lipscomb seconded the motion. 4-0. Motion Carried.

Kitzmiller/Elk Garden Sports League Sponsorship - (Letter) - Budgeted \$400

Phone vote on 03/04/2025 - Councilmember Brady made a motion to approve the budgeted donation of \$400 towards the Sports League. Councilmember Lipscomb seconded the motion. 4-0. Motion carried.

2025/2026 Constant Yield Tax Rate - ☒ Keep the Same ☐ Change to _____/\$100

Phone vote on 03/04/2024 - Councilmember Brady made a motion to keep the CYTR the same as last year, which would be \$0.3419/\$100. Councilmember Lipscomb seconded the motion. 4-0. Motion carried.

Levee Treatment for FY2026 - AllStar Ecology performs the vegetation treatment to the Floodwall every year. This year, they quoted us the same as last year at \$3,000.00.

Phone Vote on 03/04/2024 - Councilmember Lipscomb motioned to accept the quote from AllStar Ecology for FY2026 to perform the vegetation treatment along the floodwall. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. 4-0. Motion carried.

Councilmember Concerns:

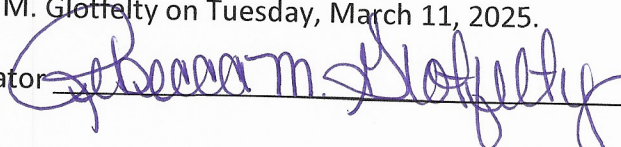
G. Michael Brady - It was brought to his attention that there seems to be a sink hole between the old bank building and the former gas station. Ask Beccie to contact the Army Corp about looking at this.

Becky Lipscomb - Nothing.

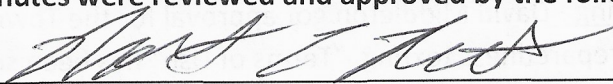
Councilmember Brady motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM. Councilmember Lipscomb seconded the motion. All in attendance agreed to the motion.

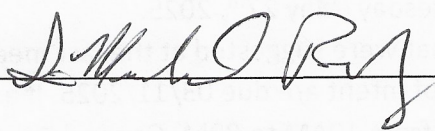
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Rebecca M. Glotfelty, Town Administrator

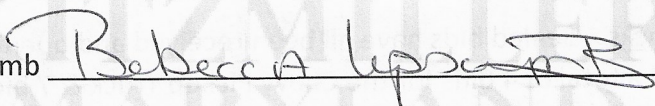


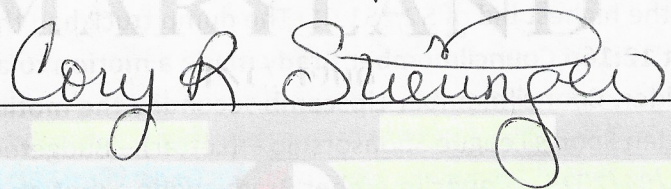
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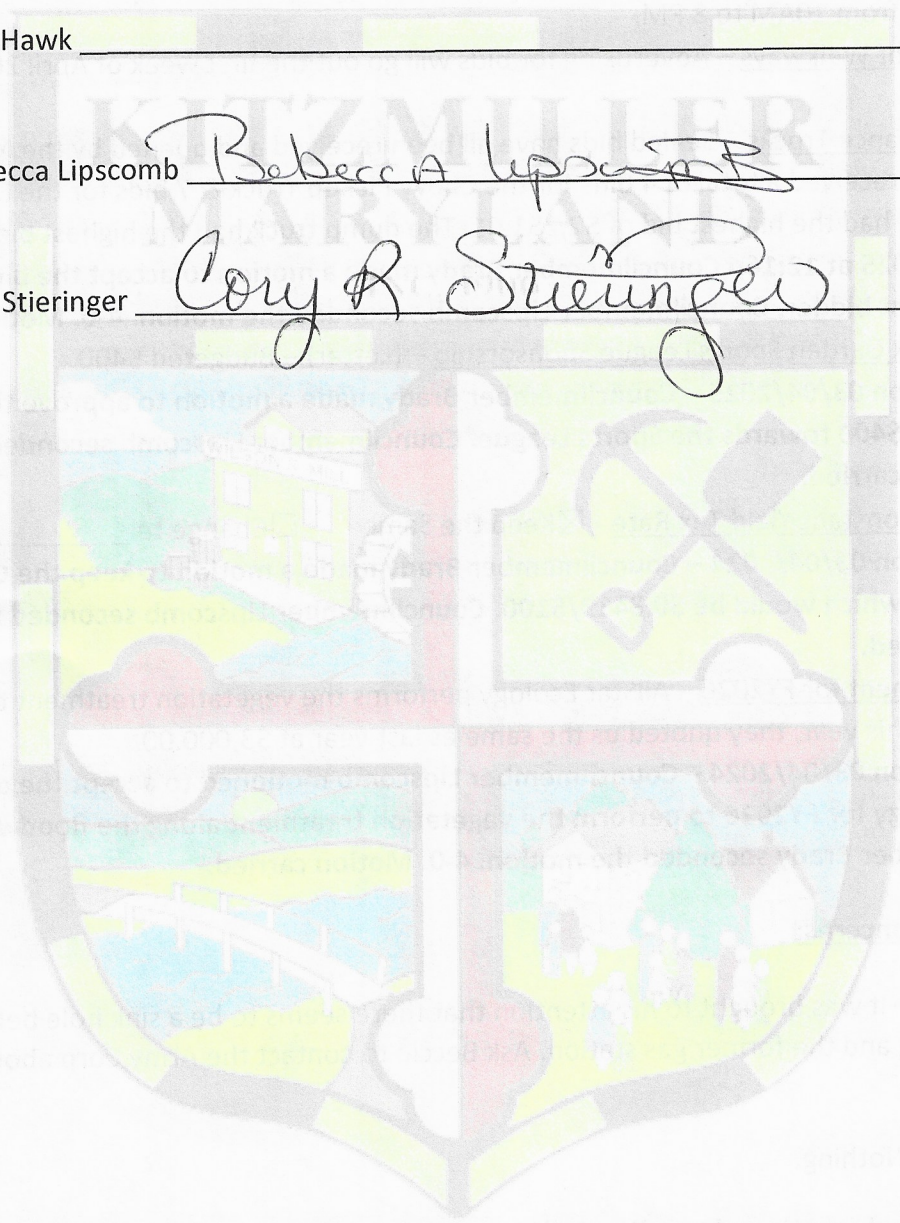
Mayor Robert L. Reckart 

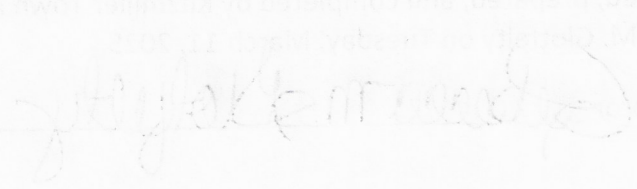
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Councilman Johnny Hawk _____

Councilwoman Rebecca Lipscomb 

Councilman Cory R. Stieringer 





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Governor

ARUNA MILLER
Lt. Governor



DAN PHILLIPS
Director

ROBERT YEAGER
Deputy Director

Form RPTR #1

Date: February 14, 2025
To: All Taxing Authorities
From: Dan Phillips, Director
Re: Department Notification – Real Property Tax Rate Notice

Please complete this form and return to:

Department of Assessments and Taxation
Attention: Zachary Grisard, Area Supervisor
700 E. Pratt Street, Second Floor, Suite 2700
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
zachary.grisard@maryland.gov

Please choose one of the following actions:

- ☒ 1. The taxing authority has established a tax rate **not in excess of the current taxable year's real property tax rate.**
- ☐ 2. The taxing authority plans to exceed the current taxable year's real property tax rate and will provide the Department with a copy of the entire page containing the notice from the published newspaper and evidence that the notice was placed on the website of the taxing authority. If the taxing authority does not have a website, the taxing authority will provide evidence that the notice was posted in a place that is easily accessible to the public.

Taxing Authority: Town of Kitzmiller
County OR Municipality and the County in which it is incorporated

Tax Rate as of July 1, 2025: 0.3419

Name & Position: Rebecca M. Glotfelty

Signature: Rebecca M. Glotfelty

Phone: 301-453-3449

Date: 3/6/2025

E-Mail Address: kitzmd@shentel.net

Kitzmiller/Elk Garden Youth League
288 W. Main St.
Kitzmiller, Md., 21538

To Whom it May Concern:

We are a nonprofit group where all volunteers give their time to help children ages 3-15 years old develop skills and have a fun activity to look forward to. We organize spring baseball, fall soccer, winter basketball, and have plans for volleyball for the kids of this area. We are asking for donations to help keep this organization going. We use funds for uniforms, trophies, water, snacks, and end of season activities for the kids. None of this would be possible without your support.

We appreciate your consideration in the above request.

Honorable Mention – Whatever you wish to donate

Bronze - \$100.00

Silver - \$200.00

Gold - \$300.00

The organization and children of the Kitzmiller/Elk Garden Youth League

Thank you!!!

Kitzmiller/EG Youth League

I will donate \$400 to sponsor a spring baseball, fall soccer, volleyball, and winter basketball team. (Donation enclosed)

Name and Address:

Town of Kitzmiller
104 West Centre Street
PO Box 607
Kitzmiller, MD 21538

301-453-3449

Please submit this paper back to:
Cookie Noble
4984 Kitzmiller Rd
Kitzmiller, Md. 21538

Phone Vote 3/4/2025

1st - Mike
2nd - Becky

4 to 0
Motion passed