

Mayor & Town Council Monthly Public Meeting

Date: Tuesday, August 29th, 2023. **Location:** Kitzmiller Community Building **Time:** 7 PM

In Attendance:

- ✓ Mayor Robert Reckart
- ✓ Councilman G. Michael Brady
- ✓ Councilwoman Theresa R. Harvey
- ✓ Councilman Michael Hechmer
- ✓ Councilman Cory R. Stieringer
- ✓ Town Clerk Rebecca M. Glotfelty

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by **Mayor Reckart**. Followed by opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Rita Lambka.

Motion made by Councilmember Stieringer for the approval of minutes from Monday, July 24th, 2023. Councilmember Harvey seconded the motion. 4-0. Motion carried.

Recognized Guests:

- Rita Lambka – Resident – Brought the concern of someone who is staying in their vehicle at the school. She is concerned with the start of the school year it may raise some concern for the children. Is there anything the town can do about it? **Mayor Reckart** informed her that the police have been notified that she is there, and they haven't found where she is violating anything. Legally, nothing can be done to her because she isn't doing anything.
- Nancy Brady – Resident/Owner of Helping Hands Thrift Shop – The Thrift Shop will be closed this Thursday (08/31/2023). Then on September 5th & 7th, the thrift shop will be hosting a back-to-school clothing giveaway.
- Johnny Hawk – Resident – Just here to see how these meetings go. That he loves this community and is glad to be a part of it.
- Missi Nesselrodt – Resident/KVFD Secretary – Would just like to congratulate the Town on the success of the Back-To-School block party! It seemed to go really well and would just like to note how wonderful events go when all of the non-profit groups work together!
- Cookie Noble – K.E/G.Y.L.L./ Kitzmiller Head Start – Would first like to say thanks for having them at the Block Party. Second, in the fenced area behind the school, Mr. Mark (Head Start Teacher) and she were discussing possibly putting in a butterfly garden. Are there currently any plans for this space? **Mayor Reckart** informed her that at this time, there are no plans for that space, but in the future there are. The council all agreed that it would be okay for Head Start to have a butterfly garden in the fenced area behind the school until the area is to be utilized. *Cookie* then asked about the middle rooms at the school, which used to be the former Teachers Lounge and what the cleaning procedures for those rooms are. Beccie is currently working with Head Start and Hot meals to come up with an agreement once the new security system is installed to keep the Kitchen door locked so the renters will not have access to those rooms. Head Start, Little League, and Hot meals will be responsible for cleaning those two rooms as they are the ones who utilize that space for storage. *Cookie* then asked about bringing back the fall social. She stated that The Little League and After-School program would like to try to put together the event. They were looking at the Saturday after Trick or Treat (10/28/2023). This sparked concern about the Autumn Glory Event in Kitzmiller. It was decided that the weekend

of Autumn Glory to have the Museum open that Friday (10/13/2023), Saturday (10/14/2023), and Sunday (10/15/2023). *Cookie* then asked if the Learning Co-Op could start hosting a bingo night, maybe on Fridays, she wasn't sure. The council is okay with that, pending a signed contract for the usage of the school. *Cookie* also informed the Mayor and Council that the ball league had put up solar lights on the fence outside of the dugouts at the ball field and one was stolen. She asked if they should press charges. **Mayor Reckart** informed *Cookie* that the best thing for them to do is to report it to the police department and ask them for their recommendation.

- Thomas Vose – President of the Ruth Enlow Library – He wished to thank the Town of inviting the library to be a part of the back-to-school block party. The library hosts numerous activities throughout the month for people of all ages. Look on their website or their Facebook page for when and where each event takes place. Storytime, Lego Club, STEAM, Legal Assistance & Expungement. The Ruth Enlow Library is also trying to develop a strategic plan in the upcoming months. If there are any services that anyone can think of to help the community, to please let him know and he will look into seeing what the library can provide for the community.

- Becky Reckart – Resident – Would it be possible for the non-profit organizations to work together to try to conduct a spaghetti dinner for Tine Paugh? She is going to Pittsburgh for a transplant, and they could use some help with travel expenses. *The non-profit representatives that were there decided to conduct the planning outside of the meeting. *

Also in attendance with no remarks: Alysha Noble, Sharon Paugh, & Rhonda Sisler

Grants:

USDA – Dump truck – Working with the Federal Service Help Desk. Our New UEI has been released from the CAGE Code people. So, our CAGE Code has been reassigned to the former UEI number. Waiting on Sam.gov to finish verifying all information!

Community Parks & Playgrounds – Restrooms – Peggy is officially moved back into her office, is slowly sorting through all her files. Is hoping to have an update on this by the end of September.

Community Legacy – Sidewalks – All three invoices have been paid. Two have been refunded, waiting on the reimbursement for the final invoice.

LPPI – Electric in Park - \$30,000 for electrical upgrades in Park. The Playground Invoice has been paid & refunded. Mayor Reckart will be meeting with an electrician in the park on Monday (09/04/2023).

CDBG - Blighted Property – Peggy & Rachelle are currently working on this packet for this. She hopes to have everything for us by the end of the first week of September.

Electrical Car Ports: Francis Energy – Contract has been signed by both parties.

Old Business:

Flags in Park – ALL FLAGS AND POLES HAVE BEEN ORDERED AND SHOULD BE HERE NEXT WEEK!

Sponsors:

1. Toby Upton Memorial Fund, (Maryland Flag)
2. Kitzmiller Lions Club, (Marines)
3. Coal Bucket Restaurant, (Navy)
4. Brian White & Barb McKenney, (Coast Guard)

5. VFW & VFW Auxiliary, (Army)
6. American Legion, (American Flag)
7. & American Legion Associate Groups. (Air Force)

Chairlift at Community Building (ARP) – Installed, waiting for the MD inspector to come to inspect it.

CB Carpet Cleaning – Carpets have been cleaned.

Back to School Block Party – It went really well! Little League served all of the hot dogs that they had brought. The Lion's Club was able to give out all of their ice cream. The gentleman from the ELKS stated that the turnout was great compared to other events they had attended.

New Business:

Cameras & Keyless Entry – Council requested that an itemized invoice for the type of equipment that is to be used from each company be delivered.

Oak Street & Alley K Storm Drainage – Estimate given from Hawk Excavating for \$6,000.00. To fix drainage issues from where the newly dug ditches are now working.

Motion to accept the estimate to complete Oak Street Storm Drainage was made by Councilmember Hechmer. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. 4-0. Motion carried.

Spring Street Concerns – Residents at the end of Spring Street (Next to the Hill going onto Homestead) have brought forth concerns about their yards, basements, & porches being flooded when it rains, even when it's not that much. Beccie was able to meet with Johnny to see if there is anything that needs to be done to fix this issue. Johnny is working on an estimate and waiting for a good rain to see where exactly the issue is. Johnny suggested that the Town speak to the Maintenance team about the possibility of cleaning the ditches, culverts, and drainage every other month to help keep them clear of debris. If this were an issue for the town, he would be more than willing to work something out with the town. **Councilman Brady** also brought attention to the vines that are taking over the powerlines on Spring Street and asked Beccie if she could call Potomac Edison to see if they can be removed.

Dog on Main Street – A formal complaint has been made regarding the German Shepherd at 285 W. Main Street. Asked if anything can be done and/or said about the dog barking constantly from 6 AM to 8 AM when they are trying to sleep. (Nuisance Ordinances have been printed for convenience.) *Missi Nesselrodt* asked if there was a way the Town could get a grant for the enforcement of ordinances. Beccie is to check with Peggy Jamison.

Councilmember Concerns:

G. Michael Brady – Would like to share with the rest of the council that Lowes has decided to donate more towards the ramp at the library. They will be purchasing snowbirds to help with the snow in the wintertime and will also be purchasing the materials to install a down spout off of the new ramp roof.

Theresa R. Harvey – The bushes on Race Street & the bushes on Church Street, can we contact the property owners about trimming them back? **Mayor Reckart** actually spoke with the property owners about both of these properties. Jake is to trim back the bushes on Race Street and Butch is to remove the bushes at the Church Street Property.

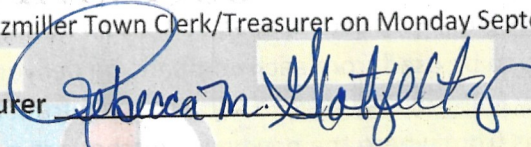
Michael Hechmer – Nothing to report.

Cory R. Stieringer – Just wanted to make sure the council was all on the same page as far as the vandalism. If the council could get the information from Beccie as soon as she receives it, that way they can decide as soon as possible. Beccie agreed to reach out to all companies that gave estimates to request the equipment information and send it to the council once it is received.

Motion was made at 8:37 PM to adjourn the meeting by Councilmember Hechmer. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Harvey. 4-0. Motion carried.

These meeting minutes were prepared by Kitzmiller Town Clerk/Treasurer on Monday September 18th, 2023.

Rebecca M. Glotfelty, Town Clerk/Treasurer

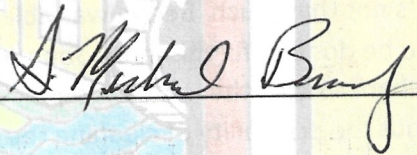


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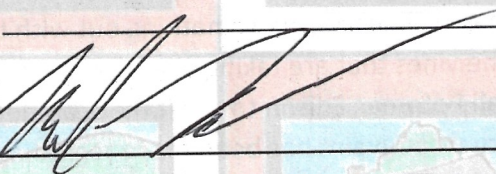
Robert L. Reckart, Mayor



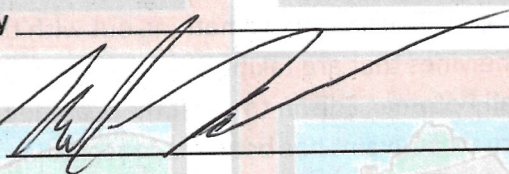
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