

Mayor & Town Council Monthly Public Meeting

Date: Monday, February 26th, 2024. **Location:** Kitzmiller Community Building

Time: 7 PM

In Attendance:

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

**** NO QUORUM TO VOTE!! ****

Meeting called to order by Councilmember Brady at 7:00PM.

Open with Prayer & Pledge to the Flag Led By citizen Rita Lambka.

Approval of Minutes from Monday, January 22nd, 2024.

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Recognized Guests:

Thomas Vose – Ruth Enlow Library – Announced that the Ruth Enlow Library will be losing one of their top administrators due to retirement. They are in the process of scanning all of the county's yearbooks for people to view them digitally. They are also working on scanning all of the Deep Creek Lake Guide's from previous years for people to view them digitally.

Dale Lipscomb – Museum Coordinator – Just wanted to say that when he frequents the museum, the temperature has been set to a steady 64°F. When and if anyone wants to visit the museum, it is ready.

Missi Nesselrodt – Resident – Asked if there was anything the town could do about the smell & taste of the water in town. **Beccie** informed those in attendance the town is not responsible for the water, that Garrett County Public Utilities would be responsible. Their number is (301)334-6983. **Missi** also asked if there were any updates to all of the robberies happening in town limits. **Councilman Brady** said that it was being handled by the Garrett County Sheriff's Office, and that they are being investigated.

Diane Kisner – Kitzmiller Librarian – Announced that there are a lot of different things going on in the library during the month of March. They will be celebrating Dr. Suess, St. Patrick's Day, and Easter. Lego Club is on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month, DSS visits every 3rd Thursday of the month from 11-1, and there are MD Tax Booklets available for those interested.

Also in attendance with no concerns were Rita Lambka, Justin Nesselrodt, & Sharon Paugh.

Grants:

USDA – Dump truck – Team One will not be able to receive a truck within a timely manner. Diehl's Ford has ordered the truck for us, with hopes that the truck will be here withing 6 weeks.

Community Parks & Playgrounds – Restrooms at Park – Beccie and Siera are finalizing bid packets. Siera suggested that the council decide on a specific prefabricated restroom. (Vote will be in new business.) – Beccie distributed the current Bid Packet to the council, and the brochure from the company of the prefabricated restrooms that the Town of Accident got their new public restrooms.

Project Open Space – Portable Stage – \$30,000.00 – Beccie and Siera are working with two new companies to obtain new estimates from them. One of them is *Sweetwater* and the other is through *Green Site Sales*. Both companies are working on estimates for us.

CDBG –

1. Blighted Property – Still waiting to hear from the National Historical Society to see what they have to say about the property.
2. Window & Floor Replacement at Community Center – Application has been pulled to add the flooring to it. Riggleman's flooring will be coming to give us a rough estimate of how much it will cost to be able to submit an estimate for the flooring. Peggy, Beccie, & Rachelle are currently revising the new application.

Old Business:

Spring Street Storm Drainage – Johnny is waiting to hear back from the county engineer about meeting with him to see what all needs to be completed for this.

Update on Security Systems – Currently finishing up the security system at the school, then will start with the security system at the Community building. Hoping to be finished with school by the end of the first full week in March.

Town Elections – So far, only a few people have contacted the Town hall about being interested in running for Town Council, but no letters of intent have been filed.

New Business:

Driveway on Race Street – Johnny's Estimate – Jeff Brady has requested that Johnny do the work to his driveway. *Missi Nesselrodt* asked if that was the norm, to allow people to request for a specific person to do the work that needs to be done? **Councilmember Harvey** replied that, "Yes, he is able to request that Johnny do the work, but that doesn't necessarily mean that Johnny will be the one who does the work." *Missi* then stated that there were lines on the agenda for a vote, and asked if the project was going to be voted on. **Councilmember Brady** stated that "No, there won't be a vote because there is no quorum to vote." *Missi then asked why there were lines on the agenda for a vote and asked why the project wasn't put out for bid.* **Councilman Brady** then explained to *Missi* that when it comes to projects that are under a certain price limit, the town is not required to put a job out for bid. *Missi* then stated that there is work on her street that she would like to have completed, the town to pay for it, and she wants to be able to pick the contractor. **Councilmember Brady** tried to explain to *Missi* that just because Jeff requested Johnny to do the work, doesn't necessarily mean that Johnny will be given the job. There also wouldn't be a vote made this evening because there was no quorum to vote on anything. *Missi* asked again what the lines on the agenda meant, and if it was going to be something that was going to be voted on. **Councilman Brady** said that he did not understand what *Missi* was asking. *Missi* then asked Councilwoman Harvey to directly answer her question because she felt that Harvey was the only one that was being honest with her. **Councilmember Harvey** explained that the only thing that she knows would be to vote on is the estimate from Johnny, and it is to her understanding that it is below the threshold to be put out for bid that she learned about at the last meeting. **Councilmember Brady** stated that Councilmember Harvey was on the council when that was voted into place. **Councilmember Harvey** stated that she does remember that and takes back her comment. **Councilmember Brady** apologized to *Missi* that she felt that everyone was lying to her. **Councilmember Brady** decided to proceed with the meeting. *Missi* then interrupted and stated that is why she was asking questions, to get answers. Then stated, "F*cking A** Hole." **Councilman Brady** told *Missi* that he heard her, and so did everyone else. He then said there was going to be no vote on anything this evening, so there is no point in continuing a discussion about it, and we are moving on. *Justin Nesselrodt* told Councilman Brady that if a citizen has a question at a public

meeting, we were required to give an answer, and couldn't just move on. **Councilman Brady** stated that he was moving on. *Justin* then stated that this is why he [Brady] was voted out before. **Councilmember Brady** stated that he wasn't voted out before. *Justin* then said that this is the reason you dropped out of the election before, because you knew you were going to lose, because you would be humiliated. **Councilman Brady** asked if the two of them would like to be dismissed from this meeting. *Justin* said no. **Councilman Brady** then said then it would be enough of the disrespect, or they could leave. *Justin* then asked how Councilman Brady could be filling in for a meeting when he doesn't even know what was going on. **Councilman Brady** responded that Justin didn't know what was going on either. **Councilman Brady** said he was asked to fill in to head the meeting on behalf of the mayor and that the discussion was done, or *Justin* could be escorted out.

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Real Property Tax Rate FY2024 – The constant yield tax rate has been received from the state. We are looking at a CYTR of \$0.3419/100.

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Prefabricated Restroom for CPP Grant –

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Councilmember Concerns:

Theresa R. Harvey – Asked if there was anything that the town should be doing about the race behind Tim Wilt's after the structure fire, to make sure there is nothing draining into the race that flows into the Potomac River. **Beccie** is going to reach out to Melissa Stevens-Nash to see who she would need to contact about it.

Cory R. Stieringer – Asked who was responsible for getting the remaining Christmas Trees out of the park. **Beccie** was able to inform him that the Kitzmiller Lions Club was waiting for the weather to warm up before getting the remaining trees out of the park.

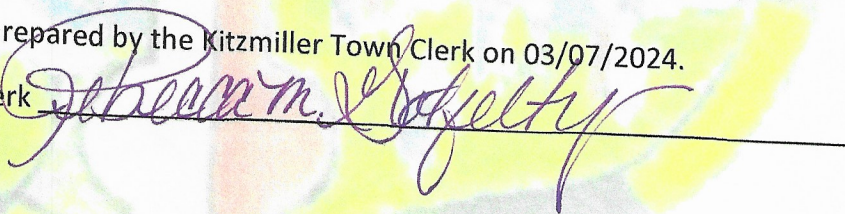
Councilmember Stieringer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:36PM. **Councilmember Harvey** seconded the motion. Everyone in attendance agreed.

Councilmember Brady motioned to enter executive session at 7:46PM. **Councilmember Harvey** seconded the motion. 3-0. Motion Carried.

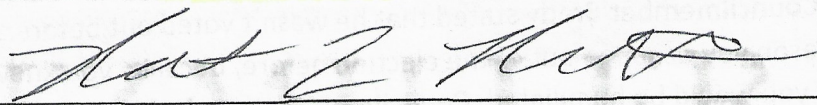
Councilmember Brady motioned to exit executive session at 8:15PM. **Councilmember Harvey** seconded the motion. 3-0. Motion carried.

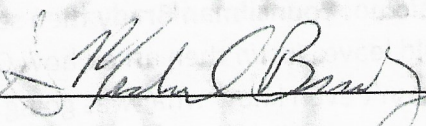
These meeting minutes were prepared by the Kitzmiller Town Clerk on 03/07/2024.

Rebecca M. Glotfelty, Town Clerk



These meeting minutes were approved by the Town Council on 3/25/24 by the following:

Mayor Robert L. Reckart 

Councilman G. Michael Brady 

Councilwoman Theresa R. Harvey Approved over phone

Councilman Michael A. Hechmer _____

Councilman Cory R. Stieringer 