

Mayor & Town Council Monthly Public Meeting

Date: Monday, November 27, 2023. **Location:** Kitzmiller Community Building

Time: 7 PM

In Attendance:

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| ✓ Mayor Robert Reckart | ✓ Councilman G. Michael Brady | ✓ Town Clerk, Rebecca M. Glotfelty |
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*** No Quorum to Vote. ***

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Reckart at 7:08P. Opening prayer and the pledge of allegiance was led by Rita Lambka.

Approval of Minutes from Monday, October 23, 2023. *** No Quorum to Vote. ***

Announcements:

- Old Fashioned Christmas is December 8th, 2023, from 6-8.
- **Mayor Reckart** will be attending the Pace Reception in Annapolis, MD on Jan. 18th & 19th 2024. If anyone can think of a project the town could benefit from, please feel free to contact him.

Recognized Guests:

Diane Kisner – Kitzmiller Librarian – Would like to remind everyone that the library will be hosting a holiday open house on Dec. 8th from 10a to 3p and will be providing light refreshments and you can be entered for a chance to win a door prize! The library will then be joining all of the festivities for Old Fashioned Christmas with a craft table. She also had to reschedule Legos Club for this month. It will now be on Dec. 20th from 4:30P to 5:30P.

Thomas Vose – Ruth Enlow Libraries of Garrett County – Wanted to say thank you again for the handicap access to the library and for the gutter system! The library is also working on digitizing all of the yearbooks throughout Garrett County.

Rita Lambka – Resident – The ditch as you enter Addition Alley (the end closest to her house) seems to be getting washed out. Is there something the town can do to be able to make everyone aware that there is a huge hole there? **Mayor Reckart** stated that the town will get some fiberglass reflectors to put there until we can fix the issue in the spring.

Also, in attendance with nothing to discuss was Nancy Brady and Dale Lipscomb.

Grants:

USDA – Dump truck – New Estimates, in new business.

Community Parks & Playgrounds – Restrooms at Park – Beccie and Siera are working on putting together the bidding packet.

Community Legacy – Sidewalks – Received final Reimbursement; Project is closed.

Project Open Space – Portable Stage – Beccie and Siera are working on finding one to present to the council.

LPPI – Electric in Park - \$30,000 for electrical upgrades in Park. Mayor has been working with an electrician to be able to have temporary electric for the Christmas season. In the spring, the electrician will be permanently installing the electric.

CDBG –

1. Blighted Property – Peggy is out, Rachelle Watkins has been filling in for her. There was an increase from \$80,000 to \$90,000. We have to wait to hear from the National Historical Society to see what they have to say about the property.
2. Window Replacement at Community Center – Application has been submitted.

Old Business:

Flags in Park – Still waiting on the rest of the order to come in. Update on the order. We are waiting on 5 flagpoles and 5 bases. We are hoping to have all of the materials needed by Memorial day, so the Town can host a memorial day celebration.

Oak Street & Alley K Storm Drainage – Project is complete.

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.

New Business:

New Truck Estimates - * **No Quorum to Vote.** *

Update on ARP Funds – The town has utilized \$105,238.40 of the \$234,655.78 worth of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds. This leaves \$129,417.38 left for future projects.

Update on Security Systems – Beccie spoke to Dave with Maxx Tech LLC about getting the security system installed. A check was sent to Dave to order the parts. We are now waiting on Dave to receive the parts to be able to begin the installation.

Tree Ordinance – The Mayor and Town Clerk were approached by the Garrett/Allegany Project Manager for the Maryland Forest Service. With everything that we do for the Botanical Garden, we could qualify to apply with Tree City USA. This is a national recognition that we take pride in taking care of the woody plants and trees in our community. With this application, we need to have an ordinance in place for a Town Tree Committee and for the care and maintenance of the trees. This ordinance will provide guidelines for tree protection & maintenance, delegating the responsibility to a Tree Committee rather than to the Mayor and Town Council. An ordinance was put together for us to be able to read at tonight's meeting, display it publicly for 14 days, provide notice of a public hearing in a public forum, host a public hearing, then finally have the mayor and Town Council vote on the new ordinance. *Beccie then proceeded to read the proposed ordinance to those in attendance.* After the reading, Dale Lipscomb asked what if the scenario arises that although the tree is on private property, and needs to be removed, and the homeowner cannot afford to have it removed, what would be done then? **Mayor Reckart** stated that The Mayor and Town Council of Kitzmiller would be able to work something out with that homeowner to be able to remedy the situation. No further questions were asked.

Christmas Bonuses – The Mayor and Town Council of Kitzmiller put in the budget Christmas Bonuses for the Town Employees. **VIA Phone Vote, Councilman Hechmer made a motion to give the employees their Christmas Bonuses. Councilmember Stieringer seconded the motion. 4-0. Motion Carried.**

December Meeting – The December Meeting will fall on Christmas Day. **VIA Phone Vote, Councilwoman Harvey made a motion to bypass December's Meeting, then resume to normal in January of 2024. Councilman Hechmer seconded the motion. 4-0. Motion Carried.**

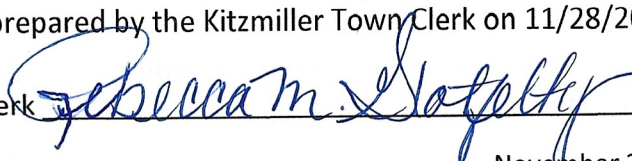
Councilmember Concerns:

G. Michael Brady – Nothing.

No quorum to make a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Reckart and everyone else in attendance agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM.

These meeting minutes were prepared by the Kitzmiller Town Clerk on 11/28/2023.

Rebecca M. Glotfelty, Town Clerk



November 2023 Meeting Minutes

These meeting minutes were approved by the Town Council on _____ by the following:

Mayor Robert L. Reckart *Robert L. Reckart*

Councilman G. Michael Brady *G. Michael Brady*

Councilwoman Theresa R. Harvey *Theresa R. Harvey*

Councilman Michael A. Hechmer *Michael A. Hechmer*

Councilman Cory R. Stieringer *Cory R. Stieringer*

