

Kitzmilller Mayor and Town Council
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 27th, 2023

Date: Monday, March 27th, 2023.

Location: Kitzmilller Community Building Time: 7 PM

In Attendance:

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| ✓ Mayor Robert Reckart | ✓ Councilwoman Diane Nye-Paugh |
| ✓ Councilman G. Michael Brady | ✓ Town Clerk Rebecca M. Glotfelty |
| ✓ Councilwoman Theresa R. Harvey | |

Meeting called to order at 7:04PM by Mayor Reckart. Nancy Brady opened with prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Brady motioned to accept the meeting minutes from Monday, February 27th, 2023. Councilmember Nye-Paugh seconded the motion. 3-0. Motion carried.

Announcements:

- Kitzmilller's Breakfast with the Easter Bunny & Egg Hunt will be on April 1st from 8AM to 11AM. This event will be funded by *Helping Hands Thrift Shop*.
- Playground disassembly day is being planned for April 15th. The new Playground installation will be in the first week of May.
- Town Elections will be Tuesday, April 11th, 2023. @Town Hall from 10A to 7P.

Recognized Guests:

Garrett County's State's Attorney – Christian Mash – Mr. Mash introduced himself to the council and Mayor. He is the appointed State's Attorney for Garrett County, since Justin Gregory was appointed Judge. He wanted to let the council know what his intentions were for the office of State's Attorney. Mainly, he wanted to let everyone know that he is there to prosecute the wrong and safeguard the innocent, and he loves Garrett County! His main goals are to take care of child abuse, narcotics & opiates, burglary, and truancy. He explained that he wants to professionalize, modernize, and expand what has already been done. They are currently trying to set up Case Management Software and informed us that Garrett County is one of the last counties to take advantage of this. It is also essential for him to be responsive to the community's needs. One of the last things is he is trying to help those who need the help, getting them into rehabilitation centers rather than putting them back on the street for them to go back to the things they were doing, to receive continuous charges. He wants to make good cases and wants to reflect the values of our community. *Questions: Nancy Brady: Are treatment services any better in Garrett County? Mash: The number one outpatient treatment center is the Garrett County Health Department. In patient treatment facilities are further down state, which will be an option for those in need, rather than the individual having to serve their full sentence. It is essential that "If you see anything, please report it."*

Garrett County's Department of Business Development – Connor Norman – Wanted to stop by to report to the Mayor & Town Council of Kitzmilller the County's Revitalization Plan! This is the plan for the county for the next 5 years. He plans to attend at least one town meeting annually to help keep us informed of what is going on. He is proud to report that there were 3 businesses from Kitzmilller that utilized the County's Department of Business Development and is receiving good feedback from those who have utilized the program. Informed the people of the top three business concerns: 1. Affordable Workforce Housing. 2. Finding Workforce. 3.

Deep Creek Lake Blinders. "Deep Creek Blinders" is a term they have coined following a substantial complaint from Kitzmiller area businesses that the lake is driving up property values and hogging up all the promotion. For service-based businesses especially they feel underserved and underpromoted outside the boundaries of the McHenry/Lake area.

Questions: Diane Nye-Paugh: Is there a plan to help with expanding the housing in Kitzmiller?

Norman explained that the commissioners are working to get more housing. Currently they have a plan for Deer Park & Loch Lynn, McHenry, & Northern Garrett County. He also noted that the county has also been working with different companies & organizations to be able to pull more livable wage jobs into the county. They have recently been able to work with RS BioTherapeutics to bring more jobs to the community. His intentions are to see growth through the communities, not stagnation.

Nancy Brady – Resident/Operator of Helping Hands Thrift Shop- The thrift shop has decided to begin a "Funeral Dinner Fund" to help provide those meals. For March, the shop was able to make around \$250. Would also like to suggest that for the "Christmas in the Park" this year, adding \$1 to vote for the "Best Tree." This is so the town can earn back some money to be able to buy more for the "Christmas in the Park" event.

Diane Kisner – Kitzmiller Ruth Enlow Library- April 23-29 is National Library Week

SPECIAL EVENT · April 26, 2023, from 10:30-11:30 am in the school cafeteria/gym the Kitzmiller Library will host DIDGERIDOO DOWN UNDER with Rob Thomas as our presenter. Rob has been performing with and making didgeridoos (an Australian musical instrument) for almost 30 years. He has recorded several CDs and produced music for numerous films. He lives in the mountains of Linville Falls, North Carolina. Everyone is welcome to attend this event. Come and celebrate National Library Week with us! · Karen Wood, University of Maryland Extension/4-H Youth Development, will be our presenter for STEAM Kids on April 26 from 4:30-5:30 pm. · There's More to The Story Bookmark Contest. Stop by the library to pick up your entry form and return it by April 14, 2023. The contest is open to ages 6 and up. Winning bookmarks will be printed and available at all branches during National Library Week. · Cover2Cover Book Club will host a Great Gatsby book party on Monday, April 10 from 6:00-7:00 pm. Newcomers are always welcome. · Our regular LEGO Club will be held on Wednesday April 12 and May 10 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. All ages are invited to attend. · Garrett County DSS will be available on the 3rd Thursday of each month to help anyone needing assistance from 11-1 pm. · Free Covid tests are available. Please call 301-334-8091 to schedule an appointment for pick-up.

Thomas Vose – Ruth Enlow Library- The Ruth Enlow Library will be sending out revitalization surveys and is asking for everyone to please fill one out. To please let them know what it is that you would like to see in the library.

**Also, in attendance with nothing to add: Sharon Paugh, Missi Nesselrodt, Becky Reckart, and*

*Rita Lambka. **

Grants:

Community Legacy Grant – Sidewalks – We will take a vote on this later.

USDA – Dump truck – Update on Sam.gov difficulties: When the verdict came back, it was discovered that the Town of Kitzmiller has TWO different UEI numbers assigned to it. The new one needs to be deleted, and a notarized letter needs to be sent to them for the town to acquire the old one. This has been completed, just waiting for the response back.

Appalachian Regional Commission Grant – (Museum) – Germain came down to check the electrical box to see if it would need to be upgraded. They are trying to get us in the books for the 1st or the 2nd week of April.

Mountain Maryland Mini Grant – Park – Banners, posters, & new labels have been ordered. Special thanks to Mike & Nancy Brady for sitting down with Melissa Nash to transfer the slide pictures they have too digital. And extra thank you to Nancy for helping Melissa with the history for the signage and posters.

Old Business:

Website – Currently being updated. Thursday, April 6th, 2023, Brandon will be coming to take pictures of things in operation during that afternoon.

New Business:

Street Sweeping Proposal – This will be further discussed at our budget meeting.

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Homecoming:

- Janice Ray Band agreed for Entertainment. 12P to 3P.
- Jay Savage will be hosting the Volleyball Tournament (AM)
- Jimmy & Tiara Hinebaugh will be hosting the Cornhole Tournament. (AM)
- Will be getting the Firework Invoice next week.
- Garrett Art's Council Grant has been submitted & approved.
- Currently Booking Vendors.
- Ds Eats
- Kona Ice
- Little League will be hosting the concession stand.

** B-Rad's Pizza: Sharon Paugh suggested that we inquire about having them involved. *

Sidewalk Project Vote: Mayor Reckart was able to speak with Carl Belt, INC and they are willing to write up the contract however it is that we want it. **Councilmember Brady motions to accept the bid with Carl Belt, INC.** Councilmember Nye-Paugh questioned as to what it is that we will be spending the money on. Councilmember Brady explained to her that this is just to accept that Carl Belt, INC will be doing the work and we will be spending the money on the sidewalks. **Councilmember Harvey seconded the motion. 3-0. Motion carried.**

Councilmember Concerns:

G. Michael Brady – Nothing.

Theresa R. Harvey – Nothing.

Diane Nye-Paugh – Is there to represent "The Burns Equipment ages 3-5 Basketball team." Wanted to share that the basketball league has been a great success and would like to congratulate them on a great season. *Nancy Brady asked if Diane Nye-Paugh knew about how many children were in the league?* Nye-Paugh stated that she thought it was over 80 but wasn't sure of the numbers. Conversation started about how good it is to see the gym being used again and that it is a wonderful thing that a lot of kids were signed up. Has two things about the Election coming up.

- 1.) I would like to make a motion that on Tuesday, April 11th, 2023, that the Town workers and clerk work from the school and not from the office, so that way the office will be used strictly for the election. *Reason: Sometimes people talk, stand outside and talk. The clerk has a laptop and can work from the school. If we can't move the clerk, can we*

move the election to the school? Mayor Reckart stated that he thinks it's too late to move the election. Nye-Paugh said that on the MD election board site, it has the polling place at 288 West Main Street. The clerk stated that information is for the State elections. Nye-Paugh said that it states even that address for Town Elections.

Councilmember Brady recommended that the clerk check with the MD Election Board on this. Nye-Paugh stated that personally she feels that the election should be held in the same location that it has always been held in, just to have the town workers centralize out of the school for a few hours. The clerk stated that it's not just a few hours, it is her entire workday. Mayor Reckart asked what would happen if the workers needed to get something out of the shop? Nancy Brady asked if the Town elections have always been held at the town hall with the town clerk there? Nye-Paugh stated that some people say yes, and some people say no. Councilmember Brady stated that for the last 27-28 years since he has been on council, the elections have never been held up at the school. Nye-Paugh stated that she was bringing up a concern and would like to take a vote on it. Councilmember Harvey asked what the exact issue is. Is it like, a conflict-of-interest thing? Councilmember Nye-Paugh stated that yes, some people feel, that with individuals in the office who are related to those running, make them feel uncomfortable. That they may try to influence one to vote in a certain way. Nancy Brady mentioned that the Board of Elections will be the ones monitoring the election, and that the town clerk has nothing to do with it. The clerk stated that she has nothing to do with the election. The election judges handle that matter, and she knows that Carrol Ann won't allow anything to be improperly conducted, and she knows, that Dale Lipscomb won't allow it to happen either. **Mayor Reckart, we have a motion on the floor for the town workers to be moved to the school for the day of the election and to work out of the school. This motion was announced three times with no Second. Motion fails for lack of second.**

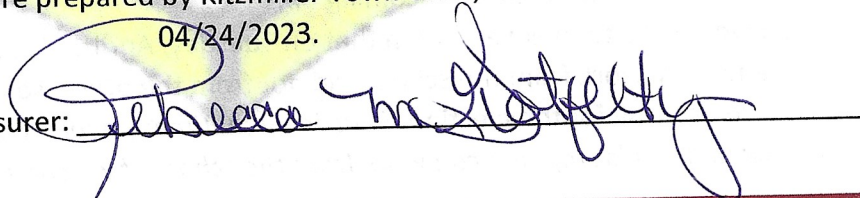
- 2.) We have a lot of shut ins right now, for people who would like to vote who can't make it to the Town Hall, do we have a certain procedure for that? Mayor Reckart stated that those individuals who want to request an absentee ballot must contact the Town Hall to see if they are registered to vote. If they are in fact registered, an absentee ballot may be sent to the individual, and it must be returned through the mail. Councilmember Nye-Paugh asked if this information is posted anywhere, because she knows that when Diane Paugh worked for the town and was too ill to make it, they walked the ballot over to her, had her fill it out, and walked it back. Mayor Reckart stated that shouldn't have happened. The individual must make sure the ballot is returned no later than the end of the day on April 11th to be counted for the election.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting was made by Diane Nye-Paugh at 8:15PM. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brady. 3-0. Motion carried.

These meeting minutes were prepared by Kitzmiller Town Clerk, Rebecca M. Glotfelty on

04/24/2023.

Rebecca M. Glotfelty, Clerk/Treasurer:



These minutes were approved on 4/24/23 by the following:

Mayor, Robert L. Reckart

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Councilmember G. Michael Brady

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Councilmember Theresa R. Harvey

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