

**Kitzmilller Mayor and Town Council  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
January 2022**

**Date:** Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Location:** Town Hall/Community Building

**Time:** 7 PM

**In Attendance:**

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

\*Councilwoman Sharon Anderson, out of Town.

Meeting Called to Order: 7:01 PM

Open with Prayer: Led by Mayor Reckart

Pledge to the Flag led by: Mayor Reckart

Approval of Minutes from November 22, 2021

Motion: Mike Brady; 2<sup>nd</sup> Theresa; 3 to 0

**Recognized Guests:**

Jo Sheffield - 2021 Audit Report \*Rescheduled for February Meeting due to weather. \*

Heather Berg – Empowerment Group – Will be hosting Bingo on March 12<sup>th</sup> @ the School. Empowerment group will also be hosting Breakfast with the Easter Bunny & their annual Easter Egg Hunt. Just not sure on the date. Would also like to thank everyone who helped her sister Shellie Mallow, who recently lost her home due to a house fire. Everyone was really kind to her.

Nancy Brady – Nothing

Dale Lipscomb – When plowing, please push the snow back more towards the ditch in front of the Methodist Church to help with parking.

Barb McKenney – Wanted to thank the town for the new flooring in the kitchen. Mayor Reckart and Councilman Brady for all the help with moving things in and out of the kitchen when needed. Personally, thinks that **Old Fashioned Christmas** went great, and the town had a wonderful outcome. However, there were a few things that she would like to address: (1) What was discussed at the Committee Meeting, did not happen. The trees that were discussed to go one each of the picnic tables in the pavilion had to be moved inside because of the gingerbread house. The gingerbread house looked great, but it would have been nice to have held another meeting to inform all that were involved what exactly was going on. (2) Noticed that both the Town Pavilion and the Lions Club Pole Building had screws drilled into the poles. No one asked if they could do so, and she would like to see the holes repaired because of the bees getting in them and causing future damage. (3) The light contest was not at all what was discussed at the meeting. It was supposed to be a contest for everyone to participate in. It was supposed to be where anyone was able to vote, and anyone in the 21538-zip code could participate. That was not how it was done; it was somehow changed to only the kids voting. **\*Councilwoman Diane Nye-Paugh** apologized for the lack of communication since was the Chairman of the Committee. She also apologized on behalf of the After-School Program for the screws in the pavilion and pole building in the park. The light decorating contest, she was not sure where the miscommunication came from, she was also confused about that as well. **\* Nancy Brady** as far as the Lighting contest goes, maybe next year have judges come in that aren't from the town & have a people's choice award, so everyone can participate. **Mayor Reckart stated**, "It was a really great event. I thought everything looked great too. The two negative things to take from this was (1) Just the lack of communication; and (2) Screwing stuff into the pavilion and pole buildings with out first checking to make sure it was okay to do so. Both are things that we can work on for a better outcome in the future."

Missi Nesselrodt – Just would like to ask that when they plow, to push the snow back a little bit more. Asked if there was any update on the ARP Act? *\*Mayor Reckart This was discussed at the mayor's meeting, and the applications for non-profit organizations have been made up, they're just waiting on the approval.\**

Rita Lambka – Requested that when plowing the roads, to please avoid pushing it into people's driveways.

Sharon Paugh – Would just like to say thanks to everyone who has been helping shovel out the fire hydrants and keeping them accessible.

#### Grants:

**Community Legacy Grant** – We were awarded \$125,000 instead of \$175,000 to update & repair our sidewalks.

**USDA** – Mayor Reckart and Town Clerk met with Linda Lindsay on 01/11/2022 to review & sign application. The application has been completely submitted.

**POS** – Waiting on the spring to get work done to the pond. Must begin before 06/01/2022.

**Well Connected Communities** – Again, just waiting on spring to install new picnic tables. KJ's Landscaping returned estimates for the maintenance of the New Welcome to Kitzmiller Sign.

#### Old Business:

- LED Lights – Mayor Reckart is to meet with Richie sometime next week. They will also be discussing when our contract for our current light fixtures is to end, which should be sometime this year, or possibly next year. When the contract is up, and we would like to switch to LED, it won't cost us anything.
- Christmas Pole Lights – They were received, put up, and taken down already since the last meeting (November 2021). They look fantastic. There is \$400.00 left over from raising the money for new ones. That money was voted on last meeting to be used to install outlets in the park so hopefully we will be able to "Light up the park" for Christmas. *\*Idea came from Robert Paugh, and was considered this year for Old Fashioned Christmas, but there was no electricity to be able to do so. Hence why it was voted to install outlets throughout the park.\**
- Trees around Town – Kiddy's Contracting, LLC was able to come to town to remove some dead trees. There was one behind Kitzmiller Assembly of God Church and a bunch of them in the race across from 252 West Main Street. There is still plenty of wood there for the taking; just make sure you bring your own chainsaw.
- Old Fashioned Christmas – It has been deemed a success and was already discussed.
- Personnel Policy – The attorney reached out to Beccie by email, and there were a few things in the personnel policy that he has questions about. They will be discussing the Personnel Policy later this week.
- Storm Drainage at Mike Hechmer's – The County is still working on this.
- Company Store Flooring – We were granted \$2,000 from the GC. Commissioners. – The flooring has been installed and it looks perfect. Barb invited anyone who wanted to take a peek at it to go ahead.
- Mountain Maryland PACE – Has been postponed until March 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Reckart will still be attending. *\*Nancy Brady asked who exactly pays for the mayor to attend the meeting? She remembered in the past, that Kitzmiller was unable to attend due to not having the extra funding. \*Mayor Reckart The company that I work for, KML, pays for me to go to the PACE Meeting, so it benefits our town tremendously that I get to go.\**
- Closed CD Account – Account has been closed. It has been deposited into our general account.
- Retaining Wall behind Theresa Harvey's House – Again, Dwight from the county is working on this.

#### New Business:

- Use of Building for Elections (June 28th, 2022 & November 8th, 2022) The school will be used as a polling place on these two dates.
- 150th Anniversary for GC @ the Fairgrounds – We need to come up with a display that represents the Town of Kitzmiller. Beccie and Theresa decided to make this part of Homecoming planning so that way we would have it to be displayed.
- Yearly Events – Beccie came up with a list of Yearly Events to come up with ideas for the Towns people and Organizations can come together to help plan an evening once a month to help get people back out again.

January (New Year's Event) February (Valentine's Dance) March (Bingo) April (Easter, everyone does their own thing) May (Cinco de Mayo) June (Kick off to Summer Celebration) July (Homecoming) August (Back to School Night) September (Coal Bucket 10 Year Anniversary) October (Autumn Glory & Trick or Treat) November (Veteran's Day Ceremony) December (Old Fashioned Christmas)

- Homecoming Planning, Meeting will be Jan 27th @ 6:30 @ School. Firework Agreement:

Planning is already underway for Kitzmiller Homecoming. Firework Agreement States that the total amount due this year is \$5,550.00. The town will have to pay half of that by March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Postponement fee is \$1,387.50. Cancellation Fee will be \$4,162.50. Rain Date is scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022. **\*Councilwoman Harvey made a motion to accept the amount; Councilman Brady 2<sup>nd</sup>; 3 to 0.**

- School Cleaning Policy & Updating Contracts Annually: Any organizations or individuals that use the school need to sign the updated cleaning policy and contracts will need to be submitted annually.

- Honoring Dr. Melvin Brown @ the Park, Annual Dr. Marvin Brown Park Cleanup Day (To be Hosted in April of Each Year) Plaque, Light Refreshments: Mayor Reckart has checked into a few things to honor Dr. Brown. If we were to do something through the state roads, it would have to go along route 38 and this isn't ideal because it's not near the park. Checked with the county, they don't offer that; Is going to check with the Historical Society to see if they would be willing to help.

- February Newsletter 2022 – Recognized Residents? Announcements? Etc.: Becky Lipscomb, postmaster, for helping with the giving tree and helping Santa out by sending his letters to him and even sending some of his responses back.

- Estimates from KJ's Landscaping. (1) Remove Hazardous Limbs between the school and the park \$150.00 **Councilman Brady motions to accept estimate; Councilwoman Harvey 2<sup>nd</sup>; 3 to 0.** (2) Annual contract to maintain the landscaping at the new Welcome to Kitzmiller Sign and the sign at the school. \$300.00. **Councilman Brady motions to accept the estimate; Councilwoman Nye-Paugh 2<sup>nd</sup>; 3 to 0.**

- Coal Bucket Restaurant- Basement steps collapsed and will need to be replaced. The sub pump went out and needed to be replaced because the basement was full of water. It was determined that the water came from a heat register in the apartment and flooded the basement. These things have been fixed and we will be seeing these charges in our next couple of statements.

#### **Council Concerns:**

Mayor Robbie Reckart – We will be entering executive session to discuss hiring a new Maintenance person.

Councilwoman Theresa Harvey – Nothing.

Councilman Mike Brady – Nothing

Councilwoman Diane Nye-Paugh – Nothing.

**Exec. Session: Enter Time: 8:24 PM**

**Motion to Enter Exec. Session Councilman Brady 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilwoman Harvey 3 to 0**

**Motion to Exit Exec. Session Councilwoman Harvey 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilwoman Nye-Paugh 3 to 0**

**Exit Time: 9:33 PM**

Prepared By:

Town Clerk/Treasurer:

*Robert M. Reckart*

Date Accepted:

2/28/22

Mayor Robert L. Reckart

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Councilwoman Sharon Anderson

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