

Kitzmilller Mayor and Town Council
Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 2022

Date: Monday, March 29th, 2022

Location: Town Hall/Community Building

Time: 7 PM

In Attendance:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor Robert Reckart | <input type="checkbox"/> Councilwoman Diane Nye-Paugh |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Councilman G. Michael Brady | <input type="checkbox"/> Town Clerk Rebecca M. Glotfelty |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Councilwoman Theresa Harvey | |

Meeting Called to Order: 7:02PM; **Open with Prayer:** Led by Nancy Brady; **Pledge to the Flag:** Mayor Reckart
Approval of Minutes from February 28th, 2021 - Councilwoman Nye-Paugh Motioned to accept the minutes. Councilwoman Harvey seconded. 3-0.

Recognized Guests:

Lt. Colt Ruby – 13 Incidents to report for the Month of February.

Heather Berg – Kitz. Emp. Group – There are 74 total youth in the Kitzmilller area. The Health Department lost the Funding for the Empowerment Group; however, we are still planning to have the Empowerment Group as a civic association. We will still have funding available from the health department until the end of June. Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be on April 9th, 2022 from 8A to 11A. We are still in need of volunteers, The Easter Egg Hunt Registration will begin at 11:30A, with the hunt to begin at Noon. Our Annual fishing Rodeo is being planned for May 20th, 2022.

Rita Lambka – Nothing

Dale Lipscomb – Nothing

Nancy Brady – Is there any progress with the school for the Thrift Shop?

Michael Hechmer – Nothing

Barb McKenney – Nothing

Missi Nesselrodt – Nothing

Sharon Paugh – Nothing

Diane Nye-Paugh on behalf of Diane Kisner - Congratulations to Kambria DeWitt, winner of our Garrett County Sesquicentennial bookmark contest in the school age category. Also, congratulations to Briella DeWitt winner of an honorable mention. Their bookmarks will be printed and made available at all branches of the Ruth Enlow Library April 4th, 2022. Well done, Kambria and Briella, we are so proud of you! - To celebrate Garrett County's 150th Anniversary and National Library Week, Kitzmilller Library will be hosting, "Dinosaurs Rock" Museum Show, on Tuesday, April 5th, from 10:30A to 11:30A, in the Kitzmilller School cafeteria. Come experience lifesize and genuine dinosaur specimens. Plan for an interactive, fun, and educational show with a loose fossil dig and real take-home specimens. Everyone is welcome to attend and is FREE to the public. - On April 7th, 2022, all branches of the Ruth Enlow Library will be participating in "Chalk it Up to Civility: A Community Collaboration." Everyone is encouraged to use sidewalk chalk to create messages and works of art throughout the day to express shared positive values. - Lego Club will be on Wednesday, April 2nd from 4:30p to 5:30p. - Cover2Cover Book Club will meet on April 11th at 6PM. This month we are reading The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls. -STEAM Kids will meet on April 27th of this month from 4:30p to 5:30p, and we will be joined by Karen Wood.

Announcements:

- Homecoming Planning & 150th Anniversary of GC; Next Meeting April 7th @ 6:30 @ Coal Bucket.
- Town Guys, Kenny & Robert, have been cleaning out the race and pulling a lot of the wood out of it. Anyone who would like to take some, is more than welcome to. It must be gone before June 1st.
- The Garrett County Commissioners have graciously accepted to pay the second half of the Firework amount for Homecoming.

Grants:

Community Legacy Grant – Sidewalks; We are waiting on official grant paperwork.

USDA – Dump Truck; They responded today by email, stating that they need more information.

Project Open Space (POS) – Pond; We may have to find someone else to do the pond work. The gentleman we got the original estimate from has been sick. *Mayor Reckart will be reaching out to someone.*

Well Connected Communities – Picnic Tables are put together; will be placed next week. *Heather Berg & Mayor Reckart will inspect the school grounds to decide the best place to place these.*

American Rescue Plan Act – Final Rule has been submitted; Apps for Non-Profits are Available, and we have them here with us tonight.

Drug Free Communities Grant – For Yearly Events, Heather Berg is going to be helping Beccie with this. Nancy Brady has volunteered to help with this as well.

Community Action Economic Development Strategic Plan Grant – This will be used for Economic Revitalization Study. The amount available for this grant is \$15,000.00

Old Business:

- LED Lights – Mayor Reckart spoke to Richie last week, when our current contract expired. Richie stated that all the parts are on order. It will be a longer process than they would have liked because there are parts that are on backorder. Once they receive the parts for 1 to 2 lights, they will be coming to replace 1 to 2 lights. *Councilwoman Nye-Paugh asked about the red x'd utility poles, and when they would be coming to replace them. Mayor Reckart said he had also spoke to Richie about these too. They do not have a "funding" for the replacement of older poles, that the funds to replace these come from extra money that they may have left over from other projects.*

- Storm Drainage at Mike Hechmer's – We are waiting on the County Engineer to finish up his drafts for this. 3rd street has been designed by the county engineer, and we are now waiting to be put on the schedule. *Mike Hechmer stated that due to the increase in water shed that goes through his yard, his garage wall has buckled from the water damage. Nancy Brady asked if there was a way to be able to move this situation up on the priority list? Mayor Reckart stated that we can try, but there are no guarantees.*

- Mountain Maryland PACE – Mayor Reckart was able to speak with someone from the State Roads Department about the ditches and guardrail issues coming into town on Rt. 38. There is now a repair plan from Vindex Rd all the way down to the Bridge crossing the river into Blaine, WV. We will be getting monthly reports about where the state roads are at with this project, and to look at it as a 5-year plan. Mayor Reckart was also able to speak with the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources about doing everything we can do to help tie the Town of Kitzmiller into Wolf Den State Park.

- Union Street Bridge – Waiting on Signage for the bridge because there has been a weight limit placed on it. We will also be producing a letter for the Commissioners for the Federal Funding for Bridges.

- Peggy Jamison Flowers, delivered. \$32.00. Peggy did text Mayor Reckart stating how thankful she is that we have been thinking about her.

- Fire Hydrant on Spring Street – there was a work order put in with Public Utilities.

New Business:

- Election: Registered is Theresa Harvey, Michael Hechmer, Shawna McRobie

- Board of Elections: Supervisor: Carol Ann Matthews, 1st Chair: Nancy Brady, & 2nd Chair: Barb Coleman.

Councilwoman Nye-Paugh motions to accept the board of elections. Councilwoman Harvey seconded. 3-0.

- Vote to pay \$80 to each Board of Election Supervisors. **Councilman Brady motions to pay each supervisor \$80 each. Councilwoman Nye-Paugh seconded. 3-0.**

- Clerk – Becoming a Notary **Councilwoman Nye-Paugh motions to cover the costs of the town clerk to become a notary in the State of Maryland. Councilman Brady seconded. 3-0.**

- Water Cooler for Office instead of Bottled Water. Save \$140/year. (Case of water every 2 wks @ \$5.88/case) Water Cooler costs \$140.00 & water is free if we fill the 5-gallon jugs up at North Hill.

*****No to obtaining water from North Hill. This will be tabled until next months meeting because Michael Hechmer stated that he might be able to get us one for free.**

- Homecoming Pens Push Style Pen with stylus on one end. Black with silver writing and silver trim to say: 1st Line: Town of Kitzmiller 2nd Line: Est. 1906 3rd Line: 301.453.3449. Cost will be \$0.55 per pen. Plus \$50.00 screen fee. Total for Quantity of 300 will be \$215.00. **Councilman Brady motions to accept the pens for Homecoming. Councilwoman Nye-Paugh seconded. 3-0.**

- Formal Invitation from K.V.F.D. for parade. **Councilman Brady motions to accept the invitation from the Kitzmiller Volunteer Fire Department for the parade. Councilwoman Harvey seconded. 3-0.**

- K.E.G.Y.L. Donation Letter – Letter was to ask the Town of Kitzmiller to sponsor one of the teams for \$150.00. Little league already has the shirts ordered; Do they still need a sponsor? Beccie will be doublechecking with Cookie & Alysha Noble to see if they still need a sponsor.

- Formal Flood Wall Levee Report – The flood wall inspection went as good as it could have. Nothing major to report. There are steps on the W.V. side that someone had dug into the retaining wall, that will need to be filled in. The normal vegetation along both sides of the river needed to be addressed.

Councilmember Concerns:

Councilman Brady: Nothing

Councilwoman Harvey: Nothing

Councilwoman Nye-Paugh: Can we double check the dead trees behind Thelma Lacy's house? There are a few back there that look concerning, and we don't want to have to be held liable if they were to fall on someone's home.

Councilwoman Nye-Paugh motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:30P. Councilman Brady seconded. 3-0.

Councilman Brady motions to enter Executive session at 8:35P. Councilwoman Harvey seconded. 3-0.

Councilwoman Harvey motions to adjourn executive session at 9:15P. Councilwoman Nye-Paugh seconded. 3-0.

March 30th, 2022 Phone Vote: Kitzmiller Youth Little League Sponsorship – Mayor Reckart, “After speaking with Cookie Noble this morning, they do still need a sponsor. They did already have the shirts printed as Town of Kitzmiller Cubs, because the town had always sponsored a team in the past. So, I would like to have a vote to pay the sponsorship of \$150.00.” **Councilwoman Sharon Anderson motions to pay the sponsorship of \$150.00. Councilman Brady seconded. 4-0.**

April 11th, 2022 Phone Vote: Board of Elections – Mayor Reckart, “Nancy had a scheduling conflict for being election judge on Tuesday, April 12th, 2022. That being said, Kathy Elliott can sit in for her. Nancy will be there until 11:00 AM, then Kathy will take over for her so we will have three judges there all the time. **Councilwoman Sharon Anderson motions to accept Kathy Elliott to cover the remainder of the Election Day for Nancy Brady. Councilwoman Nye-Paugh seconded. 3-0.**

Prepared By: Rebecca M. Glotfelty, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Rebecca M. Glotfelty

Date Accepted: _____

Mayor Robert L. Reckart

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