

Kitzmilller Mayor and Town Council
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 23rd, 2023

Date: Monday, January 23, 2023

Location: Kitzmilller Community Building

Time: 7 PM

In Attendance:

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

Meeting Called to Order at 7:03P, with Rita Lambka opening with prayer, and pledge to the flag lead by Mayor Reckart.

Councilman Brady motions to approve the minutes from council meeting held on Monday, November 28th, 2022. Councilman Hechmer seconds the motion. Motion fails with a vote of 2 to 1. Amendment made to minutes. Motion then carried with a vote of 3 to 0.

Recognized Guests:

Sheriff Bryson Meyers – Garrett County Sheriff’s Office – Introduced himself. He would like to get some feedback to better serve us. He believes that we, as a county have a drug problem. His goal is to rejoin with the state troopers to try to get this problem under control. Informed us that Deputy Ridder is now the head of Narcotic Forces. One of the main questions that he gets is what about marijuana? They can’t enforce ordinances of people smoking it on town property, but they can enforce trespassing. He is trying to hire new officers to be able to have 4 officers at a time for each patrol. He is currently trying to get the commissioners to agree to this. The state has mandated medically assisted treatment after leaving jail. They are currently trying a pretrial release program. **Councilwoman Nye-Paugh** mentioned the speeding of vehicles coming off one hill and going up the other. Sheriff Meyers stated that this is something that they can keep an eye on. He stated that he knew previously we had problems with 4 wheelers, is that still a problem? **Mayor Reckart** stated that minus a select few individuals there seems to be no issue with 4 wheelers. Since the law has been passed that 4 wheelers are allowed on county roads, a lot of people are being responsible. Sheriff Meyers asked about the drug issues in town. If there are any or if anyone has seen anything? There were a few responses that stated hey, maybe you should pay attention to these select locations. Meyers also stated that when you see something like this, be sure to call in to report it.

Missi Nesselrodt – KVFD/Resident – I would just like to say that at the November meeting, my comment about the non-profits working together wasn’t directed towards anyone. Would just like to apologize for how it was taken out of context and directed towards Diane.

Barb McKenney – Coal Bucket Restaurant/Resident – She believes that Old-Fashioned Christmas was a huge success! Everything looked fantastic! The Fire Department’s signage was beautiful! She would like to thank Robert for the Light up the park idea, that all the trees in the park looked great. She would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped put everything together. She would also like to remind everyone that the Lions Club takes used hospital equipment that people are no longer using to be able to loan it to those who are in need. She would also like to add that we have had 25 more trees donated for the park for next year! At the Coal Bucket, they have “Super Bowl Squares” or whatever they are called. We will also be having gift baskets each month to help with the “Light Up the Park Project.”

Councilman Brady – On behalf of the Helping Hands Thrift Shop – He would just like to add that from recent sales, the Helping Hands Thrift Shop was able to purchase 83 boxes of lights for the Light Up the Park Project.

Sharon Paugh – KVFD – Stated that she understands that there was a misunderstanding from the November meeting, but she would just like to state that as a community, we need to do better at working together.

Rita Lambka – Resident – When the weather breaks, the culverts need to be cleaned out.

Dale Lipscomb – Museum Coordinator – Heat isn't working in the museum, but the air is certainly on.

David Paugh – Resident – There needs to be better communication. Whatever is posted on Facebook should also be put out into the community. *Beccie reassured him that the information is put in the newsletters and posted in the post office, outside of the office, at the school, Coal Bucket, and Library.*

*Those in attendance with no comments was **Becky Reckart, resident.**

Grants:

Community Legacy Grant – Sidewalks – BID Packages have been made and sent out. All received will be read at the next town council meeting.

USDA – Dump truck – When Sam.gov updated our registration, they included the zip code twice. This kicked us out of the updating process instantly. A ticket was submitted to get it fixed, and we are still waiting. There are a lot of municipalities that are experiencing the same issue.

Community Parks & Playgrounds – County will be paying for the playground, then once the funds are received, we will be reimbursing them.

Appalachian Regional Commission Grant – We are on the schedule with Germain's to have the HVAC installed.

Councilmember Nye-Paugh asked if we had to get bids on this project? No, it is under \$30,000.00.

Mountain Maryland Mini Grant – Park – Working on sign designs with Melissa Nash & poster wording.

Old Business:

Juanita James & Cory Stieringer – Both gift cards were sent to the individuals.

Third Street Drainage – Waiting for the new drain. Wrong drain was ordered. Beccie agreed to call Johnny to see what the progress is.

Youth League Basketball – They have signups planned for this Friday at 5PM.

Busted Pipe @ School over Christmas Break - \$869.56 from Germain's. **Councilmember Nye-Paugh** asked if this is something the county would be willing to help pay. *Beccie will be checking on this.*

Website – Currently being updated.

New Business:

Election Judges – **Mayor Reckart would like to nominate Carole Matthews, Kathy Elliott, & Barb Coleman, with Dale Lipscomb as a backup in case one of them can't make it. Councilmember Nye-Paugh motions to accept the election judges. Councilmember Hechmer seconds the motion. 3-0. Motion Carried.** Deadline to Register: March 14th, Primary Election if needed: March 27th, General Election April 11th.

PACE Meeting Report- **Mayor Reckart** was able to attend *PACE* again this year. The projects that were presented were as follows:

Kitzmilller School Building: Stairlift, Replacement of the Gym Floors, Proper Security Measures for the safety of the kids, and Handicap Access to the library.

Kitzmilller Visitor's Center: Appearance of the building, outside & replacement of the steps leading to the basement from inside the building.

Kitzmilller Community Building/Town Hall: Replacement of the stairlift.

Kitzmilller's Botanical Garden: Update the restrooms, replace the pavilion roof, & trail improvements.

Economic Revitalization Study: This plan incorporates the idea of utilizing the state parks around us. We have an entire block that we could use to our advantage for tourists to be spending their down time in the town.

Stairlift Quote for CB- Stair Lift Quote for the Community Building came in at \$8,225.00 from Shenandoah Elevator on 01/13/2023. Councilmember Hechmer motions to accept the quote to get the stairlift replaced. Motion failed to obtain a second. Motion does not carry. Councilmember Nye-Paugh motions to table the stairlift discussion. Councilmember Brady seconds the motion. 2-1. Motion Carries.

Councilmember Concerns:

Michael Hechmer – No current concerns.

G. Michael Brady – Jeremy was able to talk with Valspar, and they decided to donate 3, 5-gallon buckets of stain for the new tables and benches at the park!

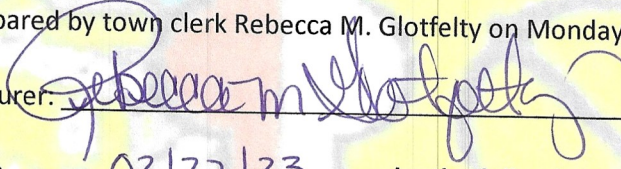
Diane Nye-Paugh – No current concerns.

Robert L. Reckart – Asked Missi & Sharon if the light up Kitzmiller Sign will be left up all year. Sharon & Missi said they weren't entirely sure yet.


Councilmember Nye-Paugh motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 PM. Councilmember Hechmer seconded the motion. 3-0. Motion carried.

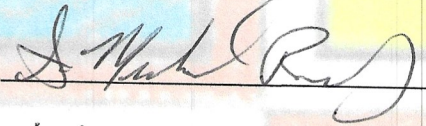
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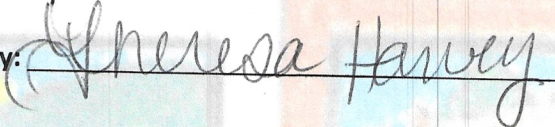
Rebecca M. Glotfelty, Clerk/Treasurer.



These minutes were approved on 02/27/23 by the following:

Mayor, Robert L. Reckart 

Councilmember G. Michael Brady: 

Councilmember Theresa R. Harvey: 

Councilmember Michael A. Hechmer:

Councilmember Diane Nye-Paugh: 