

Kitzmilller Mayor and Town Council
Monthly Meeting Agenda
May 23rd, 2022

Date: Monday, May 23rd, 2022.

Location: Town Hall/Community Building

Time: 7 PM

In Attendance:

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

Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 PM

Open with Prayer led by **Rita Lambka**

Pledge to the Flag led by **Mayor Reckart**

Approval of Minutes from Monday, April 25th, 2021

Councilmember Nye-Paugh motions to accept the minutes. **Councilmember Harvey** seconds. 3-0.

Announcements:

- Potomac Edison will be working on their "vegetation assignment" for the area over the course of the next few months.
- SHA will begin the ditch work starting from Vindex Rd all the way down 38 to the Bridge. Paving assignment has been pushed forward to be done THIS FALL. Guardrails are on the schedule for next spring.

Recognized Guests:

GC Sherriff's Department – **Lt. Colt Ruby** – Reported 14 Incidents for the Town of Kitzmilller.

Kitzmilller Empowerment Group – Presented by **Mayor Reckart** for **Heather Berg**. Heather just wanted to remind everyone of the film being played at the school on June 10th. It will be Disney's Encanto starting at dusk. The fishing rodeo went well! We had about 30 kids and 70 adults attend.

County Economic Development via Google Teams - **Meredith Mears, Sarah Guy, Connor Norman, & Kim Durst** – Meredith "Merry" Mears will be the project coordinator. She navigates between Government & Development and getting things done. Planning for the Kitzmilller Strategic Grant will be from May to June. They plan to have boots on the ground in July and have a draft plan by August. They are hopeful for implementation in September. Merry asked "What kind of Issues/Challenges(economically) do we face in our town?" **Mayor Reckart** stated, "All of them." **Merry** asked, "What is the most pressing?" **Councilmember Nye-Paugh** stated housing & jobs. Turnover of old buildings and it would benefit us tremendously to have a gas station in town limits. **Councilmember Hechmer** agreed and added that a convenience store would be beneficial as well. **Merry** asked about the school and when it shut down, and if the community tried to fight against it? **Councilmember Brady** explained that it was a huge set back for the community. That we even went as far as trying to start a charter school and was denied the opportunity. That being told "NO" one too many times really kills the drive of people. **Merry** asked about the gas station. **Councilmember Brady** stated that we did have one that it was closed. The building now sits with no pumps and no tanks to be able to reopen the location as a gas station without the proper installation of new pumps & tanks. **Delegate McKay** chimed in to add that the ORVA is looking at possibly starting a trail for off road vehicles to travel from PA all the way to TN with this being one of the stopping destinations. The OHV would like to tie in "Wolf Den State Park" into this as well. He suggested even things such as a Bed and Breakfast as a possibility or maybe even a campground. There are so many things happening in and around the town of Kitzmilller, that the possibilities of economic development are endless! **Merry** was satisfied with the information and the input from those present and will take this information and get the planning underway.

Business Development Specialist – Connor Norman – He is now the employed with the Garrett County Government in the Department of Business Development. What his job consists of is setting the towns up for tourism and wants to help the town of Kitzmiller THRIVE. What does our town offer for tourism, local businesses, etc.? Museum, Coal Bucket Restaurant, Off Road Repair, KJs Landscaping, G3 Cleaners, are a few of the local businesses that are here. There are more in this area than we think. Connor would be the guy to get ahold of to help promote and develop your business. His office phone is 301.334.7284 or his cell phone is 301.741.3305. Or he can be contacted by email at cnorman@garrettcountry.org

Delegate McKay – Update of what’s been going on in the last 90 days in session for the General Assembly. His phone number is (240)362-7040 if anyone has any interest in obtaining any information or has any questions. Basically, what his job is to do is a budgetary breakdown and help with the laws that are passed. Typically, in a year’s time, there are about 4,000 bills that are submitted, and it is up to him and the rest of the general assembly to pass the ones that they feel would best fit our area. With COVID being a main factor in their meetings withing the last two years, it has brought ZOOM Meetings into the main light for them to be able to work out the bugs, and help entertain the idea of having their guests, or presenters, to be able to join into the meeting that way, as opposed to a 4-hour drive. The general assembly’s primary objective is to pass a balanced budget. 8 years in a row, there have been no new taxes added with a budget of \$61,000,000.00. The primary focus of this budget has been for the funds to be spent on education & tourism. They have also been trying to chip away at the retirees’ taxes, because our retirees are taxed a lot. **McKay** suggested that the ball league investigate Project Open Space to help pay for upgrades to the ball field. He also has Government relations with those who work in Potomac Edison and is more than willing to reach out to them about seeing if there is something he can do to speed along the new LED light fixtures.

An example of one of the Bills that were passed this year (For Williamsport, MD & Hancock, MD) is their commercial Blight funding. To be able to take what buildings they currently have unused and turn them into a revenue for their community. **McKay**, himself, is laser focused on Oral Health. Believes proper oral health will help people with better mental health. He was also the lead on passing the post-partum oral healthcare to MD Medicaid. District wins to keep in mind, is George C Edwards funds a \$50 Million investment towards the future in economic development. **McKay** also passed a law for those that would die in the line of duty, to be exempt from having to pay for death certificates. He is also helping make it known that not all high school graduates need to go to college, because trade schools are just as important. His cell phone number is 301.697.2622 and email is mikemckay@md.com if anyone has any further questions.

Nancy Brady – nothing.

Rita Lambka – nothing.

Dale Lipscomb – nothing.

Teresa Durst – Just would like to applaud Cookie & Alysha for all their hard work that they do for the KZ/EG Youth League.

Cookie Noble – Just here to represent the Ball League and give us an update on things they have going on. They currently have 84 kids playing in the ball league. Naylor's donated paint for them to paint the floor in the concession stand and for the back stop to be painted. They are looking at possibly getting solar powered lights to install on the back stop but haven't made any decisions. **Mayor Reckart** said that he knew someone to get lights from and would be more than willing to ask on their behalf of getting field lights. **Councilmember Brady** suggested that if they were raking the field from inside to outside, to rake it in the opposite direction. Otherwise, they will be dragging their dirt from the inside of the field to the outfield. **Mayor Reckart** also suggested that they price out a "rough rake" for the field to help keep the field up to par. **Cookie** also stated that the platform at the concession stand will need to be replaced. Proceeds collected at the time of signups are what go to pay for the kids' shirts. The funds collected at the concession stand & from donors go towards new equipment needed for the league.

Whether it be for Baseball or Soccer. **Councilmember Nye-Paugh** stated that everyone should spend some time at the school to watch the ball games. You would be amazed at how many families from the community are supporting the teams and enjoying family time every Thursday.

Missy Nesselrodt – Nothing

Justin Nesselrodt – Is there a way we could possibly get the street sweeper from the county? Maybe ask to see if we could borrow it since ours (the towns') is out of commission. **Mayor Reckart** said that he would be checking with the county to see if this would be possible. **Justin** also asked about paving and what the price of it would be and about when, if possible, it will get done. **Mayor Reckart** informed him that the price has more than doubled just for the milling alone.

Grants:

Community Legacy Grant – Sidewalks – Waiting on the paperwork to be provided for us to complete.

USDA – Dump Truck – Everything has been fixed in SAM.gov. Waiting on further instructions.

Program Open Space (POS) – There is money available, and applications must be submitted by the end of May. Ideas for these projects are getting the electric throughout the park, updating restrooms in the park, possibly new play equipment at the school. **Mayor Reckart** will be contacting Siera Wigfield on behalf of the town to see what we can possibly get done for this year.

American Rescue Plan Act – The council is planning on having a budget meeting in July for these funds. We need to get to get the regular budget in place for FY 2023.

Community Action Economic Development Strategic Plan Grant – We have accepted the grant and the paperwork has been filled out and will be submitted.

Old Business:

- LED Lights – Still waiting on Parts; **Mayor Reckart** will be meeting with Richie from PE next week about the final plans on what PE has in mind.

- Town Clerk Notary – Finishing up course. Beccie is hoping to have it completed by June's Meeting.

- Thrift Shop – Currently waiting on the approval from the Fire Marshall to be able to "Open up shop."

- Trees Behind Thelma Lacy's – Beccie will be reaching out to the county for the property lines. It is unclear who the property belongs to. There is a right of way there that belongs to the town, that is on part of the Glotfelty property, Lacy property, Burrell Property, and the Gas Company property. Once they reach back out, we will keep everyone informed.

- Update on Buddy Bench – We were able to raise the full amount for the buddy bench. We would like to thank all of those who donated towards the bench. It is for a wonderful cause. When the bench arrives, Dawn, Kiera's mother, will be the first to be notified. Her and Beccie have been in touch throughout the entire process. **Missy** asked if we had an idea about where to put the "Buddy Bench." **Beccie** suggested that since there is no seating at the volleyball court to put it there. **Councilwoman Nye-Paugh** reminded everyone that the purpose of the bench is for kids who feel like they are alone, is to sit at the bench in hopes of another child coming forth to play with them. **Mayor Reckart** said to place the bench next to the playground.

New Business:

- Circuit Rider & Code Enforcement Program for FY 2023 - Reading of Resolution 2022-01 – Mayor & Town Council of Kitzmiller: Support for the Garrett County Circuit Rider Town Manager Program

This is the resolution to allow for the hiring and acceptance of the Circuit Rider to help with Grants for the town of Kitzmiller for FY 2023.

Councilmember Brady motioned to accept the program. **Councilmember Hechmer** seconded the motion. 4-0. Motion Carried. Resolution passed on the 23rd day of the month of May in the year 2022.

- Levee Spray Amount for FY 2023 – Increased from \$2400 to \$3000 from AllStar Ecology.

Councilmember Harvey motioned to accept the proposal from AllStar Ecology. **Councilmember Hechmer** seconded the motion. 4-0. Motion Carried.

- Kenny suggested a Monthly 50/50 Drawing to use towards helping the non-profits in the community or for smaller projects that need to be done.

Councilmember Harvey motioned we do not have a monthly 50/50 drawing. **Councilmember Brady** seconded. 4-0. Motion Carried.

- Appalachian Crossroads is looking to use a “commercial kitchen” two days a week to bake cupcakes & brownies to sell. Can we come up with some sort of agreement for them to be able to use the school during the summer months on Mondays and Fridays? Alan Chadderton is who to contact about this.

Councilmember Brady motioned table this until next meeting while we wait to get more details from Alan. Such as the time, specific days, etc. **Councilmember Hechmer** seconded the motion. 4-0. Motion carried.

- Army Corp for Park – The Army Corp is doing a study on flood water and watershed and asked permission for them to run soil samples out of the park.

Councilmember Hechmer motioned to allow the Army Corp to do the soil study.

Councilmember Harvey seconded the motion. 4-0. Motion Carried.

- Homecoming.

- Ruffling the rest of the “door prizes” because we have 13, and only need 8. What would the funds be used for? To go into Homecoming for Next year towards the fireworks or something else? We will also be having a 50/50 during Homecoming this year too.

Councilmember Brady & Mayor Reckart both agreed that the funds raised during homecoming, should be used for homecoming.

- Train Room? Can we make that into a “Mom” station? For those who need some privacy to nurse or some quiet to put their baby to sleep. Or even just a place for them to change their baby. Beccie is willing to donate a changing table and possibly a pack and play.

Councilmember Nye-Paugh stated that the room will not be clear before Homecoming.

Councilmember Brady suggested to put the mom station on the stage this year for Homecoming with signs making everyone aware that it will be used as a mom station.

- Beth Ashby has decided not to run the concession stand this year. Beccie has reached out to SGHS Theatre Department (Erin White) to run the concession stand this year. **SGHS Theatre Department** has agreed to run the concession stand and they’re excited that they have been invited to do so.

- Council Members are being asked to sign up to help with the Town Tent. Shifts will be:
 - 11A to 1P - _____
 - 1P to 3P - _____
 - 3P to 5P - _____
 - 7P to 9P – Councilmember Hechmer

Councilmember Concerns:

Michael Hechmer – Nothing

Theresa L. Harvey – Nothing

G. Michael Brady – Nothing

Diane Nye-Paugh – While sitting here in this meeting, I noticed the air vents in the community building need to be cleaned. Can we put this on the task list to get done? **Mayor Reckart** it will be added to the list of things for the maintenance department to complete.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 9:19PM made by Councilmember Nye-Paugh, seconded by Councilmember Harvey. 4-0. Motion Carried.

Motion to Enter Exec. Session at 9:25PM made by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Hechmer. 4-0. Motion Carried.

Motion to Exit Exec. Session at 9:26PM made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Harvey. 4-0. Motion Carried.

Phone Vote on 05/24/22 – Councilmember Brady made a motion to send flowers for Maintenance Worker's mother to the funeral home. Councilmember Nye-Paugh seconded the motion. 4-0. Motion Carried.

The meeting minutes for Monday, May 23rd, 2022 meeting were prepared by the Town Clerk/Treasurer.

Rebecca M. Glotfelty *Rebecca M. Glotfelty* Date: 5/24/22

Date Accepted: 07/25/2022

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