

## Mayor & Town Council Monthly Public Meeting

**Date:** Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

**Location:** Kitzmiller Community Building

**Time:** 7 PM

### **In Attendance:**

- ✓ Mayor Robert Reckart
- ✓ Councilman G. Michael Brady
- ✓ Town Clerk Rebecca M. Glotfelty
- ✓ Councilwoman Becky Lipscomb
- ✓ Councilman Cory R. Stieringer

**Meeting called to order at 6:59 PM by Mayor Reckart. Opening prayer was led by Rita Lambka, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Reckart & Council.**

**Councilman Brady made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Councilwoman Lipscomb seconded the motion. 3-0. Motion carried.**

**Councilman Stieringer made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Councilman Brady seconded the motion. 3-0. Motion Carried.**

### **Recognized Guests:**

**Deputy Harris – GC Sherriff's Department** – Reported 6 Processes served, 1 warrant was issued, & there were 2 special assignments in the month of July.

**William (Bud) Paugh** – Is it possible to get a streetlight installed at the turn around at the water plant? It is really dark there. Resident *Rita Lambka* seconded this suggestion because the space is used as a bus turnaround. **Mayor Reckart** instructed Beccie to look into the installation. *Bud* also asked if there was a way that the dumpster that the weekly garbage goes in, could be pushed back a little further because until they come to get the full dumpster, it smells really bad. **Mayor Reckart** stated that he would check with the county to see if it was possible, because he was unsure if it could be moved back.

**Diane Nye-Paugh** – Nothing personally, but was asked by Barb Lucas to express the following: Is there anything that the town can do about people burning plastic and/or trash? She likes to spend Sunday evenings on her porch visiting with her family and the smell of the smoke makes it hard for her to breathe since she is on oxygen. Barb is also concerned about Race Street and the race in general. She noticed that there was hardly any water flowing through the race, and it had never been like that. It also looks like it could use a good cleaning. **Mayor Reckart** asked Beccie to give Barb a call to provide the answers. For the burning, we can put something in the newsletter that will be coming out. The race is low, because the river is low and the gate that allows more water to flow through the race is currently broken. Beccie is to check with the Garrett County Correctional Facility to see if the inmates could come down to help clean the race, mow, and/or weed eat. The Town Clerk and Maintenance Department is working with the Army Corp to see what we need to do to get the gate fixed.

**Tim Wilt & Andrea Nicole** – The rain running off the bank building beside them is flooding their basement. Can the Town contact community action to see if there is anything they can do. Also, their water stinks and is sometimes brown. **Mayor Reckart** informed Tim & Andrea that the Town, Garrett Co. Public Utilities, & County Commissioners have been communicating back and forth. Public Utilities and the State Department of Environment are currently working on trying to figure out what the exact reason is that the water has an odor to be able to come up with a resolution. Tim said that he will be bringing people with him to the next meeting that claim to know what the issue is.

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Shellie Mallow – She wanted to attend the meeting to make sure the Mayor and Town Council was aware of the water issue. It seemed when the county fixed the leaks, that her water was good for about a week, but then it started smelling bad again.

*Also in attendance with nothing to add were Rita Lambka and Karen & Gary Whiteman.*

#### **Grants:**

USDA – Dump truck – Diehl's retrieved the truck. It is currently at J&J getting all of its conversions.

Community Parks & Playgrounds – Bathrooms – Bid Packets have been completed. Mayor Reckart & Senior Councilman Brady are currently revising the dimensions for the new restroom and working on a new blueprint to be able to advertise for the building.

Project Open Space – Portable Stage – Portable Stage & the Roofing mechanism have been ordered.

CDBG –

1. Blighted Property – We got the “Green Light” to go ahead and advertise for the Environmental Specialist to come to inspect the building. Letters will be sent next week, and an ad will be placed in the Republican Newspaper.

#### **Old Business:**

Update on Security Systems – After speaking with one of the mutual parties who utilize the building, the new Go Live Date will be August 1<sup>st</sup>. Dave is currently working on installing the security system at the community building, he is waiting on a few more items.

Water Issue – This has already been discussed. If there are no more questions to be asked about it, we can move on.... crickets.... no questions.

Community Block Party: Beccie ordered the prizes for the kids and is working on contacting vendors to come help support the back-to-school night.

#### **New Business:**

**Sand for Volleyball Court:** Beccie researched how much sand was placed in the volleyball court when it was initially installed. Currently, if we would get one load of sand from Fairfax, with it being delivered, it would cost us \$757.68 per load at \$34.44 per ton. HOWEVER, Dave Burrell told Beccie to call his boss and he would donate a load on his time to pick up the sand and deliver it for us to help save on cost. Beccie is going to have a conversation with Rich in the morning when he returns her phone call. Beccie will also be speaking with Bill at Fairfax to confirm what the new price would be if we were to pick it up.

**County Commissioners Letter:**– The commissioners give us \$1,500 to spend for repairs & such in the Park.

**Electric in Park:** All certifications & insurances have been received at the town hall.

**Councilman Brady motioned to allow Beccie to send a letter request to the Garrett County Economic Development in executive session. Councilwoman Lipscomb seconded the motion.**

**3-0. Motion carried.**

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**Councilmember Concerns:**

**G. Michael Brady** – There are some older picnic tables located in the Botanical Garden that need to be removed. He knows of at least three. He also noticed after a family reunion, that the large charcoal grill is needing to be replaced. He would also like to have Kenny look at the women's bathroom sink in the park because it is leaking out the drain tube.

**John Hawk** – Absent.

**Becky Lipscomb** – No concerns.

**Cory Stieringer** – No Concerns.

**Councilmember Brady** motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:32 PM. Motion was seconded by **Councilmember Lipscomb**. 3-0. Motion carried.

**Councilmember Stieringer** motioned to enter executive session at 7:36 PM. Motion was seconded by **Councilmember Brady**. 3-0. Motion carried.

**Councilmember Lipscomb** motioned to exit executive session at 7:48 PM. Motion was seconded by **Councilmember Stieringer**. 3-0. Motion carried.

These meeting minutes were prepared by Kitzmiller Town Administrator, Rebecca M. Glotfelty on 08/26/2024.

**Rebecca M. Glotfelty, Town Administrator**

These meeting minutes were approved by the following on:

**Mayor Robert L. Reckart**

**Senior Councilman G. Michael Brady**

**Councilman Johnny Hawk**

**Councilwoman Rebecca Lipscomb**

**Councilman Cory R. Stieringer**

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