

Mayor & Town Council Monthly Public Meeting

Date: Monday, October 28th, 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 (Late)
- ✓ Councilman Cory R. Stieringer
- X - Councilman Hawk - Sick

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Mayor Reckart. The opening prayer was led by Nancy Brady, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Brady motioned to approve the meeting minutes from Monday, September 23rd, 2024.

Councilman Stieringer seconded the motion. 3-0. Motion carried.

Recognized Guests:

Corporal Guy: GC Sherriff's Office – Incident Report for September 2024 Includes the following:
- 2 Patrols; 1 Agency Assist; 1 Crime Scene Processing; 1 Homicide; 1 Animal Complaint (6 Total)

Rita Lambka: Resident – Asked if there was a way the town could recycle the water bottles from the water that is being provided by the County Commissioners? **Mayor Reckart** stated that it could possibly be done, but we currently do not have the manpower to be able to provide that service, but the Garbage Dump on top of the mountain, does not require you to have a sticker if you are recycling. *Rita* also asked about the possibility of people setting up on the flood wall for trick-or-treat. **Mayor Reckart & Council** agreed that we can extend the offer for individuals who would be interested in doing so next year.

Dale Lipscomb: Museum Curator – Dale was able to obtain an 1875 Ledger from the Grist Mill from Paul McIntyre for the museum. Paul also donated a letter from the Johnstown Coal & Coke Company. The Brantners' (former owners of the original Kitzmiller Home) also donated pictures of Emily & Ebenezer Kitzmiller to the museum.

Nancy Brady: Resident & Owner of Thrift Shop – Monthly Report for the Thrift Shop includes that they are currently working on obtaining their "Non-Profit" status through the state. In the month of September, they were able to bring in \$218 and had \$500 donated to make a deposit of \$718. They spent \$333 for funeral dinners, bought and donated \$869 worth of Christmas Sweatshirts to the Town to sell. Plans for the upcoming months include making donations to the Town of Kitzmiller, Little League, Kitzmiller Learning Co-Op, & the Veteran's Day Committee. Nancy also asked if the Town had heard anything about installing a wall upstairs to separate the Thrift Shop from the rest of the hall. **Mayor Reckart** informed Nancy that it was approved through the county as long as we have a licensed contractor complete the work.

Diane Kisner (Sick) asked Beccie to present information from the library - CONGRATULATIONS to Isaac DeWitt for completing 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. Isaac, you are a superstar! • LEGO Club will meet the 2nd Wednesday of Each month from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. • Please join us for our MD STEM Festival event in November and our Christmas themed activity with Karen Wood from the University of MD Extension Office in December. • There will be no STEAM Kids in November or December, due to the holidays. • Cover2Cover Adult Book Club will meet November 18th & December 19th from 6-7 PM. We look forward to seeing you there for a great book discussion. • GC DSS comes to the library every 3rd Thursday of the month to help anyone needing assistance from 11AM to 1PM. Please join us for a Holiday Open House on Wednesday, December 4 th from 2-7PM. We will be serving light refreshments, treats for the kids, and will have a special door prize drawing. We hope to see you there to kick off the

Christmas Season. • We wish you a blessed Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

*** Also, in attendance with nothing to add: Jack Michaels, Resident. ***

Grants:

USDA – Dump truck – Modifications are still being completed by J&J

Community Parks & Playgrounds – Park Bathrooms – Working on a way to make the footprint of the new restrooms big enough to accommodate an electrical closet and also have enough room so that they are ADA compatible. - Same

Project Open Space –

1. Portable Stage – The final parts for this project have been submitted for reimbursement.
2. Electrical Upgrades in Park – Electrical upgrades have been completed on the pond end of the park. The rest of this project is to be completed once the new bathrooms have been installed. -Same

CDBG –

1. Blighted Property –

- Responses to the Environmental Survey have been received. We have to have THREE responses for the Council to vote upon per CDBG guidelines. We currently have one. This is from BOGGS Environments Consultants.
- Responses to the Maryland Inventory of Historical Properties letters that were sent to get this study completed have been received. Again, we are required to have 3 and we currently have two, from Goodwin & Associates and Heberling Associates, INC. We are waiting for a response from EAC/Archaeology, INC.
- Property was sold at Tax Sale in July. The town is redeeming the property on Bernadine's Behalf. Then we will deduct the amount that is paid from the real property value that she will be paid.

2. Kitzmiller is now Eligible for CDBG funding, that is for more than just "Special Projects."

Old Business:

Streetlight @ Water Plant: Beccie has a phone conference with them on Thursday about this.

Race/Flood Gate: The Flood gate ended up being an easier fix than what they had thought. Min-Fab fixed it for \$975 rather than the \$1,475 that they quoted us.

Intake Hose for Leafvac: Leaf pickup will be on Thursdays starting this week. Will be advertised in the newsletter.

Community Information Texting: Email from David Middleton

Purchases from Accumulated Park Funds: New trash bins & pet waste bins have been received. Going to wait until spring to install these.

New Business:

Fire Rated Shop Door: Since the maintenance shop was broken into, it was discovered how easily the door to the maintenance shop is manipulated into opening. A new door would be covered with ARP Funds. Beccie was able to research the doors to see what the options would be. X CDF Door \$1,406.57 X Home Depot \$1,188.00 X Home Depot \$1,248.00

- At the last meeting it was suggested that Beccie reach out to Glass Unlimited in Oakland MD and to Glass Service of Cumberland, INC. They will not only get the fire rated door, but they will do the installation as well. Estimates are as follows:

X Glass Unlimited \$4,656.00

√ Glass Service of Cumberland \$3,127.00

Councilman Brady motioned to accept the estimate from Glass Service of Cumberland, INC. with the alternative add for keying to existing lock for an extra \$135 to match the existing key. Councilman Stieringer seconded the motion. 3-0. Motion Carried.

Accumulated Park Funds: We have \$1,315.77 left. There are 3 benches in the park that need to be replaced due to weather or damage. Kirby Built has them on sale. See Estimate: \$308.85 ea. The council suggest that we table this decision until we find out the mounting options for the benches.

Resolutions:

1. Councilman Brady motioned to pass resolution 2025-01: Support for the Updated Garrett County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2024. Councilman Stieringer seconded the motion. 3-0. Motion Carried.
2. Councilman Brady motioned to pass Resolution 2025-02: Town of Kitzmiller Minority Business Plan. Councilman Stieringer seconded the motion. 3-0. Motion Carried.
3. Councilman Brady motioned to pass Resolution 2025-03: Town of Kitzmiller Section 3 Plan. Councilman Stieringer seconded the motion. 3-0. Motion Carried.
4. Councilman Stieringer motioned to pass Resolution 2025-04: Town of Kitzmiller Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity Plan. Councilman Brady seconded the motion. 3-0. Motion Carried.

Councilmember Concerns:

G. Michael Brady – The grate at the end of Spring Street, that goes across the hilltop still needs to be cleaned out.

Becky Lipscomb – The potholes on Homestead Street still need to be filled.

Cory Stieringer – Attended the Little League Awards Banquet and noticed all of the loose tiles that are coming up from the floor. Should the Town consider lowering the rental fee because of the water taking up space and because of the condition of the floor? **Councilman Brady** stated that we should keep the fee at \$50 because it is still a large space, they still have use of the Kitchen, and the Town is currently working to obtain a grant for the flooring. As far as the water being stored there, there really isn't anything the Town can do about it because technically the County owns the building, and the water is being provided by them. **All the council agreed & understood.**

Nothing Further to discuss.

Councilman Brady motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. Councilman Stieringer seconded the motion. 3-0. Motion Carried.

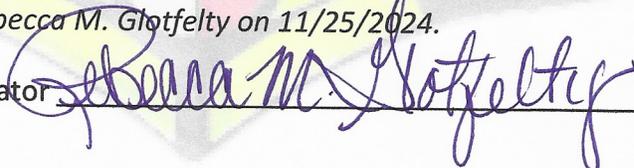
Councilman Stieringer motioned to enter executive session at 8:18 PM. Councilman Brady seconded the motion. 3-0. Motion Carried.

Councilwoman Lipscomb motioned to exit executive session at 8:31 PM. Councilman Stieringer seconded the motion. 3-0. Motion Carried.

Phone Vote on 10/30/2024: Councilman Hawk motioned to forgo the December 2024 meeting because of it being the same week as Christmas. Councilwoman Lipscomb seconded the motion. 4-0. Motion Carried.

These meeting minutes were recorded, prepared, and completed by Kitzmiller Town Administrator, Rebecca M. Glotfelty on 11/25/2024.

Rebecca M. Glotfelty, Town Administrator



These meeting minutes were approved by the following on 11/25/24

Robert L. Reckart, Mayor *Robert L. Reckart*

G. Michael Brady, Senior Councilman *G. Michael Brady*

John Hawk, Councilman _____

Rebecca Lipscomb, Councilwoman *Rebecca Lipscomb*

Cory R. Stieringer, Councilman *Cory R. Stieringer*

