

Town Meeting, September 17, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. and there were 5 people present: Mayor Menke, Commissioner Brown, Meg Menke, Jim Brown and a representative from Benning and Associates, Patrick Castonguay. The meeting was changed so that Mayor Menke and Commissioner Brown could attend a meeting regarding development outside of town, the Barnesville Oaks. Clerk Menke and Luke Fedders were unable to attend the new night for the town meeting.

The minutes would read and approved. The financial statement was read and there were no changes.

Jim Brown requested that there be "Children at Play" signs. He stated that the new family the Vogel's and the Bellet's have been needing them.

### **Committee Reports**

**A. Safety** – Mayor Menke said that the Ruhl's trimmed back their hedge and that others have been pulling back plants and weeds off the sidewalks and the tree's are away from the sidewalks. Mayor Menke stated that the County does not supply "Children at Play" signs but people can put their own signs up just so they stay within the town sign ordinance of 2 x 2. Other things discussed, work together to make sign, explore possibilities of signs, Meg Menke had idea of florescent child figure. Speed cameras were discussed, information in "Tidbit". Captain Didone said he was moving along with the speed camera. Jim Brown called Mr. Knapp and stated that he and Pete were lobbying for speed cameras. Call back from Carman looking into this August 28. County Officer for speed cameras stated that we would not be getting them. We qualify as far as speed but not for accidents, recommended to meet with Didone to discuss what to do. Check out new regulations. Lobby Knapp and County Council, not in this budget. Garagiola will clarify speed camera laws. Tweaking amendment. Include language that will help us. Mayor Menke spoke with Didone at the Poolesville Town Hall open house about the speed cameras and he gave every indication that it was moving forward. New design mode that is cheaper. Motorcycles are a new concern regarding speeding.

**B. Planning & Zoning** – Meg Menke – Barnesville Oaks Development, she went to meeting too. Consultant for subdivision and fees were discussed. Meg recommends entering into a contact with Montgomery Consulting, LLC (Doug Lohmeyer). Mayor Menke spoke to Attorney Bill Roberts regarding lower fee, and make an ordinance to cover out of pocket cost. Put a moratorium on subdivision applications for 60 to 90 days to establish a filing fee to protect town and individuals filing. Done in a timely manner can have a special meeting what we have now is not reasonable and to write it or develop it to be reasonable to all. Moratorium – from this point forward, propose as a resolution. Be a moratorium and give our attorney a minimum of 60 days with a max of 90 days.

**Mayor Menke moved** to place a moratorium of 60 days in order for our attorney to develop the appropriate language, to amend the subdivision ordinance to establish filing fees and the subsequent fees for technical review. Commission Brown second the motion and all agreed.

**Mayor Menke moved** to ask for Montgomery Consulting, Forestry recommendation, CLSI and to Authorize Meg Menke to contact Montgomery Consulting, LLC ask them to submit contract and ask them about forestry recommendation, per contract submitted. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion and all agreed. Contact Benning and Associates when have a consultant and forestry.

**C. Board of Appeals – Request** for variance, none have been withdrawn.

Town Hall – no additions, gutters and downspouts complete, contacted some about parking lot.

Congratulations to Town of Poolesville for their new town all.

Banner City Award at last MML Chapter meeting August 28 for participation and dedication of town officials.

The meeting was adjourned. Minutes were written by Commissioner Brown and typed by Clerk Menke.