

Minutes

Barnesville Town Meeting

June 21, 2023, 6:30pm

Meeting held in person at town hall with the option to connect via zoom.

Reports:

Financial Report and Approval of FY24 Budget

June is the last month of the Fiscal Year. A meeting to discuss and approve the FY24 Budget proposal was held on June 15. A budget proposal was prepared based on the discussion. Thank you to Audrey Morris for her input. As part of the budget, a conservative estimate for income and property taxes was included. The contribution from the general fund for FY24 is higher than in previous years as the Town is required to utilize the ARPA funds in FY 24 and will spend them from that account for several projects. For park development, predicted costs include plumbing of the well, planting street trees, mulch, and consulting to update the plans. Instead of a full audit this year, the accounting firm will assist the Town in preparing the required State financial reports. A full audit will be required next year. Legal fees for FY24 are predicted to be greater to review zoning or other changes needed to implement the master plan. The new trash bins will include wheeled bins for paper and totes for commingled items.

After discussion of the above items, the commissioners unanimously approved the FY24 budget to go into effect on July 1, 2023.

Beautification committee

No report.

Sustainable Barnesville

No report.

Board of Appeals

No report.

Capital Improvements

The sidewalk was completed. The fencing along the sidewalk is proposed to be a split rail by the sidewalk and then a second fence to secure the animal pasture. The property owners approved the position for the final fence position. The fence should be installed within the next month.

There was concern that the crosswalk and stop sign don't appear to be aligned properly as the access ramp is in front of the stop sign on Barnesville Road. Given that the crosswalk needs to connect to a sidewalk on the opposite side, there may be limitations on what can be done. The Town will ask its engineer to discuss with the County.

Traffic improvements

In May, there were 10 patrol shifts, resulting in 93 traffic stops. Beallsville Rd was busier than Barnesville Rd. In June, it was proposed the patrols focus more on the weekends due to summer traffic patterns. The traffic monitoring camera on westbound Barnesville Rd measured a vehicle at 81-90 mph at 8:45am. The new traffic camera on Beallsville Rd has significantly slowed traffic.

Planning and Zoning

No report.

Community Connections

Heritage Days coming soon—June 24th and 25th. History displays will be at Town Hall.

Upcoming Events

Park dedication--It is proposed to have a sign on a post near the fence for the walkway. The Stonestreeets would like to dedicate a bench for the park. Other ideas proposed as a result of the survey include an ice cream social, any other ideas please reach out to the community connections committee.

New Business

- (a) It was noted that there was a woman driving between houses and asking for money.
- (b) Sugarloaf Citizens Association held a meeting about the power plant property and the potential development of a Data Center. The solar array is no longer a planned option.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm