

Commissioners of Barnesville

Minutes

October 13, 2025

Called to order at 7:31 pm

Approval for the September minutes

Attendees: 10 community members in person and 2 online, 3 commissioners, and clerk.

Reports:

Financial: Continuing the process to transfer all banking to PNC from the previous three banks. Expenses and income tracking as expected. In October the town received the speed camera revenue, approximately \$89k. Traffic has increased significantly through town since the end of the pandemic shutdown and the return to work of federal employees, especially with the ferry still closed. The funds must be used on safety and cannot be used elsewhere. A traffic evaluation service and increased enforcement through patrols and signs/cameras will utilize the revenue from speed cameras.

Beautify Barnesville Curb Appeal Grants: Today is the opening day for proposals. They will be reviewed by the clerk and a report provided to commissioners. Awardees will be notified.

Beautification: no report.

Board of Appeals: no report.

Capital Improvements: Historic artwork about the town was ordered and will be framed and installed.

Planning and Zoning: The planning board is full. The next steps include meeting with commissioners and meeting as a board either on zoom or in person. The clerk will provide administrative support in hosting zoom meetings as needed.

Traffic Calming: 117 violations with maximum speeds of 56mph on Barnesville Rd and Beallsville Rd. The question was raised if the town has received information regarding the replacement of the guardrail that was damaged in May or June by the single car accident. Patrol officer will be posted on Halloween night 5:30-8:30pm and safety cones will be put out to slow traffic.

A goal of the town commissioners is to contract an engineering firm to conduct a traffic assessment and pedestrian safety. From this, we can assess the options to take in the future for

placement of feedback signs or additional cameras. The county determined where to place the cameras we currently have. The temporary camera on Beallsville Rd does not issue sufficient violations to cover the cost of the equipment at that location.

Community Connections: Upcoming Events: Apple Bake Off on Oct 26th. Volunteers will be needed for the set-up and clean-up. Movie night will be Nov. 7, more info coming soon. Proposals for movies are welcomed. A Book Chat with Steve Vogel to discuss his newest book will be on Dec. 5th followed by a reception.

Welcome bags were distributed to 7 households. The bags included information about well and septic use, composting, a welcome letter, town meetings, MCA/SCA, and the town website.

Communications: Commissioner Alex T. suggests bringing in a free-lancer for editing the Tidbit and hosting a social media presence. Clerk Tracey has a template ready for input from committee reports. There is renewed interest in assembling a directory of town residents and preparing a list of recommended local contractors or repair service providers.

New Business:

The commissioners and clerk continue to work on transferring town funds into the PNC checking, money market, and Maryland Local Government Investment Pool. Former Commissioner Mildred Callear was thanked for her assistance in working with Wesbanco to transfer those funds.

The town may be looking for a new attorney and will be consulting with other local municipalities and the Maryland Municipal League for referrals of individuals or firms.

Motion to adjourn (AT) and second (MO).

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15pm