

Barnesville Town Meeting Minutes

The Commissioners of Barnesville held the town meeting on July 18th 2022 at 7:30 pm

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm. The meeting was held as a hybrid format with participants in town hall and logged in on Zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance

Past Minutes from May and June of 2022 were approved.

Reports:

Financial Report--Fiscal year is completed. We were under budget regarding expenses and received more income taxes than anticipated and received ARPA funded. We are in good fiscal shape as we start the next fiscal year and with our upcoming 275th anniversary celebration. In June, property and income tax income was received and was greater than expected. In lieu of a full audit this year, we have approval from the state to conduct a review with our accountants.

Beautification Committee--Several volunteers removed weeds and cleaned up the park. The volunteers requested additional mulch.

Sustainable Barnesville sponsored a Bat Talk Zoom presentation last month. There is no consensus yet when there will be a site visit to the barn to see the bats leaving the nursing roost. Audrey and Tracey will help coordinate. The Zoom recording may be available upon request

Board of Appeals has an opening for a third member, if interested please let the commissioners know.

Capital Improvements

Sidewalks—The title transfer has been completed and the town now owns the strip of land. The county has the project on the schedule in the Fall. It is hopeful to have it completed before the October 275th celebration. The county may have delays due to contractor availability. We may need to reach out to our county representatives to encourage the project is completed before the celebration. The commissioners will reach out to our engineer's contacts for scheduling information.

Streetlights/Potomac Edison—In the future, it is recommended to have this listed as a separate agenda item. Commissioner Mike Zuckerman provided an update. Starting last year, he was checking with contractors and Potomac Edison. Potomac Edison does not permit outside contractors to put equipment on their poles. Instead, Potomac will be installing LED lamps that will cost approximately \$10.63/month. County cut-off for light output is 3300 kelvin, Potomac Edison has a 3000 k. cool light. Along state routes, the output should 4000 k. Potomac Edison will install lamps at no cost to us and they will have dark sky compliant shields. The side shields (house or street side) can be added later. There is a sample light near St Mary's with the full cut-off shield for dark sky compliance and do not cast light upwards. Additional side shields would be added later. New LED lamps will be a cool light and compliance with the county requirements and are brighter than the old 2700 k. sodium lights that were a warm light. Some lamps will be removed and others will remain where there are current sidewalks and potential

sidewalks. Mike will reach out to those who raised questions. The discussion for lights had begun last year and Potomac Edison's involvement was relatively recently.

Traffic Calming reported there were 89 stops in June. On June 19th, a car ran a stop sign and hit a motorcyclist near the park intersection. Approximately 60% violations were on Beallsville Rd and 40% were on Barnesville Rd. There continues to be stop sign violations. One weekend, a new officer with Streethawk was in training and was here while on-duty with MCPD one morning and another Streethawk officer for our regularly scheduled patrol. Sunday morning there was a stop for a guy going over 80mph down Beallsville Rd. Streethawk held 8 patrols with a combination of weekday morning or afternoon and weekend midday times. If anyone has suggestions for time of day or day of the week, please let the commissioners know.

Planning and Zoning—Woody Bailey has decided to step down, if interested please let the commissioners know. A building permit was issued for an outbuilding on Beallsville Rd, the property is grandfathered into the lot size restrictions.

Community Events

Save the Date: 275th Celebration on October 2nd

The plans include a Fun Walk/Run at 9:30AM, Bike Decorating at Lillard's Corner Park, Parade, and Dinner. The permit for the road closing for the day is underway. The parade route will mostly be the Post Office to St. Mary's. The State highway patrol and MCPD needs to approve the permit. There will be a historical display in the town hall during the mid-day. There will be old photos and artifacts on display. The Book of Barnesville from the State Archives will be on loan and on display

Town Hall is available for rental.

Communications, the Tidbit was published with town updates.

New Business

Reminder to remove any political signs until early to mid October, no more than 31 prior to the November 8th Election Day.

Town-wide Yard Sale will be held on August 27th. Please reach out to Maria or Tracey if you are interested in participating. There will be limited space available in Town Hall for those interested in having a space for sale items.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.