

The Town Commissioners of Barnesville

June 21, 2021 – 7:30 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING

13 Participants

Past Minutes – May 2021--Approved

Reports:

Financial Report

The ARPA distribution of funds was discussed. Multiple formulas are being used to calculate revenue loss due to Covid. MML has information available. Possible projects to fund with ARPA may include stormwater projects and safety issues. The biggest revenue loss for Barnesville was the Speed Camera Revenue.

Beautification

No report

Sustainable Barnesville

No report.

Board of Appeals

Meeting for Special Exception for coffee roasting business. Conditional approval with county approval, hours of operation 9am to 5pm, deliveries not to park in the street, no onsite in-person sales.

Capital Improvements

Sidewalks—Tolberts amendable to donate the strip of land necessary for a walkway to the post office. Town engineer is working on the project and we will work with the town attorney as well.

Stormwater Drainage—Reports forwarded to church and county. Town engineer will coordinate with the county.

Park-- The park flower beds need to be weeded and mulched. The patch of thistle will need to be sprayed with weed remover. The wildflower beds are coming in nicely.

Traffic Calming—In May, Streethawk issued 81 violations. Beallsville road violations were more frequent with a top speed of 65-70mph. No bicycle tickets will be issued at this time. Focus will be on speeding and stop-sign blow-throughs. More patrols will occur during the normal rush hour for traffic. Jim and Jason will work on the schedule to do weekday afternoons and weekends.

The safe speed van was at St. Mary's and they said the location is approved for a mobile camera site.

Captain Didone is retiring and Captain Heatherington has left. The new traffic official is Captain Jim Brown. There have been reports that over the next 24 months, all the fixed cameras will be switched to the smaller cameras and the *heads* can be removed and rotated across the county. The town should consider asking for up to 4 camera platforms so it can rotate the camera equipment among them. The town may need to negotiate with the camera contractor to agree upon a schedule and to keep the cameras within town limits. The Town attorney suggested we research renting our own safe speed equipment from the county and an officer to issue the tickets. The Village of Chevy Chase has this arrangement.

The town would like a report from the county on the number of speed camera tickets issued in past year and how this compares to previous years in which revenue was shared with the town.

## Planning and Zoning

On summer recess. The commissioners are prioritizing the recommendations in the Master Plan and working with the Town Attorney to determinate whether any zoning amendments will be pursued.

## Community Events

On Summer recess.

Town Hall--currently closed to public

Re-opening status

The Montgomery County Council will begin meetings in person in September. Town Hall will be available for rentals again this Fall.

### New Business

The 2022 Fiscal Year Budget was reviewed. For revenue, we are being conservative on income taxes and uncertain on speed camera revenue. The line item for street light replacements is a place holder. Any replacement street lights will need to be installed by Potomac Edison or one of their contractors. We can ask for public input on brightness and color of bulbs. We would need to sign a 10 year contract with Potomac Edison for them to maintain the contract. Costs to improve street lighting may only be \$5,000.

We will be saving on the Audit expense since we are opting for a formal review in lieu of a full audit. The legal expenses are anticipated to be higher due to master plan and ZTA work. New recycling bins will be ordered this fiscal year. The 2022 Fiscal Year budget was approved.

New town members Liz and Zack Boren were welcomed.

Adjournment at 8:43pm