

Commissioners of Barnesville

Minutes

January 23, 2023

The meeting was held in a hybrid manner. 14 participants plus commissioners.

Called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes from past meetings approved

Financial report

ARPA funds will be allocated to cover the costs of increased patrols by Streethawk to improve safety on the roads. We may also use the ARPA funds for general purposes, such as the street light shields, using a consultant to seek grants for storm water management, and improving the drainage at town hall.

Beautification committee

The annual roadside cleanup will be in April with the Lion's Club and it will be possible for students to receive SLL hours. Then, possibly do a cleanup event at the park in the Spring and plant additional flowers.

Sustainable Barnesville

Not active over the winter months. The committee will begin meeting again and look for activities to begin in the coming months.

Board of Appeals

No activity at this time.

Capital Improvements

Sidewalks–flags are in place by the park and field for a temporary fence that will be installed for the construction phase of the project. A permanent fence will be installed after the project is completed. The work crew will need space for parking the trucks and equipment and may contact the Hilton's for use of the gravel lot.

Streetlights-Sample lights (St. Mary's and general store building, and Baptist Church and Post Office) have been in operation. Feedback from the community was invited. With the installation of the new streetlights, two lights on the south side of town where there are no sidewalks will be removed. Two additional lights on the north side of town have been requested by a homeowner to be removed since there are no sidewalks there either. When the new fixtures will be installed on existing poles, the shields will be installed to attempt to keep the light glare from entering homes. Shields will be a town expense and has been budgeted. On Barnesville Rd, house side and streetside shields will be installed. In other locations, residents can provide input on what shielding they may need. This has been a

two-year project with community input and Commissioners working with Potomac Edison. The shielding options are a 1", 1.5", or 2" and Potomac Edison will put on a 2" shield to provide maximum blocking into homes. The cost of shields will be around \$5k and is included in the town budget this year. A motion was put forward for the town to proceed with replacement of street lights using the lowest LED and purchase the shields so that Potomac Edison can install them when they install the lights. Motion was approved by all Commissioners.

Traffic Calming

10 Patrols were conducted and speeding violations are the most common stop. 83 Stops in January. 32 on Barnesville Rd, 25 on Beallsville Rd. Barnesville Rd was more hazardous this past month. Commissioner Mike asked the county for a dynamic speed sign to record speeds, but the county did not have a device available. Mike with Streethawk suggested contacting the 5th district office for suggestions. The District office suggested the town purchase a speed recording device. The town purchased a traffic record for a safety assessment. The device has been rotated through town and placed on utility poles. For 85th percentile of cars are traveling at 38 mph. The fastest speed recorded on Barnesville road location was mid-afternoons when the traffic was light. A community member asked if the survey equipment could be placed on Old Hundred to get information from that area as well.

Planning and Zoning

1 permit application pending

Community Events

Heritage Montgomery (Late June) may be an event to have the Historical Barnesville displays up at Town Hall.

Committee is open to suggestions for additional events.

Town Hall

Available for Reservations.

Communication

New Tidbit will be published in March. Send articles or info to Holly.

New Business

Commissioner Maria suggested that the Upper Montgomery Volunteer Fire Department come to Barnesville to provide a CPR/First Aid/Fire Safety class at the Town Hall. The person at UMVFD agreed to do this for us in the Spring. Maria will coordinate the date and time, and provide an update in due course. The class is not for any certification, but will be a refresher of the basics, open to all ages.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm