

Barnesville Town Meeting Minutes

The Commissioners of Barnesville held the town meeting on September 19 2022 at 7:30 pm

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm.

Meeting was held Remotely due to health concerns. 14 participants logged into the meeting.

Past Minutes from Aug of 2022 were approved.

Reports:

Financial Report—State income and property taxes will be coming in soon. Will continue to monitor to see if it continues to increase like last year. Audit process this year will be a review instead of a full audit.

Beautification Committee—no report

Sustainable Barnesville —no report

Board of Appeals—no report. No current Appeals

Capital Improvements

Sidewalks—County will begin this Fall. Title to strip of land is recorded and is now the town property.

Streetlights/Potomac Edison—Lots of helpful information assembled. Potomac Edison has reached back to the town and there is still some potential to accommodate the brightness of the lights. Since they are willing to install in less bright lights, we may wait on sending in letters. Currently in a holding pattern at this time. They are hoping to complete by end of the year, but have taken us off the calendar until the brightness can be resolved.

Traffic Calming —8 patrols with 63 stops. Again, most of the traffic stops on Barnesville Rd and less on Beallsville Rd. Rolling stops and blow-throughs at the stop signs continue. When construction trucks are coming through town, they stop but then speed up immediately afterwards and noise volume of the j-brakes. There is not much the patrols can do about noise, but we do not really have grounds to stop for noise.

Planning and Zoning—no report, received an inquiry from an architect but no permit has been received.

Community Events

Yard Sale was a success and several households participated along Barnesville, Beallsville, and West Harris Roads.

Save the Date: 275th Celebration on October 2nd

The permit application for the road closure was submitted and a county officer met with the Clerk and Committee members to discuss the closure and traffic plan. Streethawk will assist with patrols and road closure for race and parade. The Events Committee will be meeting on the 28th at 6:30pm to go over the final plans. People can park at the churches after 2pm since the road will close at 3:30. The Events Committee has planned for a fun run with water and ribbons on Saturday morning. There is a banner ordered for the event, we have two banners. One can be signed by participants. Holly will need help to hang the sign, maybe Clean-Cut Lawn can help hang the banner at town hall or between posts, the banner is 12ft long. The history exhibit will get the Barnesville Book from the Archives (Holly) to put on display. If the Book pdf could be on the town website as a pdf, but the file is too large to post. Additional print copies can be available upon request. The pre-parade party will be at the park and people can decorate bicycles and signs, Monocacy PTA can have a bake sale, music will be on speakers, a face painter will be available. others can line up at the post office/funeral home parking lot prior to the parade. Jim Brown will be coordinating the parade line-up. We will need to have an escort, kids in Barnesville will lead the parade with flags and the National Anthem. The parade: Monocacy PTA, a fire truck, Families of Barnesville, the Lions club, Bizarro's tractor, maybe ask cheerleaders, the American Legion, and others who fill out the link for the form to participate. Maybe include Rustic Roads or other local groups, and some farm animals in the parade as well. The town could print out special signs for different groups as needed. Could anyone look into some of the Poolesville Parade participants to see if they want to participate in the parade as well. Area Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or other ag clubs need to be contacted. It is up to the Commissioners if they want to contact any of our local government representatives to participate in the parade, but we are trying to limit political campaigning during the event. The flyer has been sent out to people in town and in the area and continue to publicize it to the nearby community. After the parade, the town dinner will have fried chicken and a pot-luck for side dishes. Any volunteers to help set it up will be great. Plan is to be outside if it is nice or we can go inside if the weather is bad. The dinner will be at St. Mary's. The committee will come up with a rain-day plan if needed. If it is a complete washout, then only have the exhibit and the dinner. We will wait and see. RSVPs are needed for the dinner in order to give a headcount for the chicken dinner.

Town Hall is available for rental.

Communications send stories and photos to Holly for inclusion in the TidBit. A special issue to highlight the 275th Celebration will be sent.

New Business-

Sugarloaf Area Plan, County Council Public hearing on September 27 at Winchester Hall. PR firm designed a campaign to promote the plan and development of portions of the Area Plan. This is the time to prepare a letter, Tina can draft, to protect more of the Sugarloaf Area. What would be the benefit of sending another letter from the town? To show continued support of conservation of the area since a final vote has not taken place and we should show continued support. Discussion on the Sugarloaf Area Plan and the Frederick County Planning Commission

meetings. The Sugarloaf Area is an important greenway for both Frederick and Montgomery Counties.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.