

## **Barnesville Town Meeting**

May 15, 2023, 7:30 pm

Meeting held in person at town hall with the option to connect via zoom (link below agenda)

### **Agenda.**

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome to new Commissioner Shaina Constant Egly

### Reports:

#### Financial Report

ARPA report submitted with Public Safety (sidewalks&traffic patrols) and Public Improvement (stormwater & park water access).

Stormwater meeting will be held at a later date. CPJ & Assoc preparing a report for what remediation work is recommended. They will also search for grants to apply for funding.

#### Beautification/Sustainable Barnesville

Propose to add funds to annual budget to allow for mulch and weeding and street trees on the park side of the sidewalk. Possibly have Bobby Tjaden update the park plans now that the sidewalk is in place.

Dedication of the sidewalk at Tolbert's Way with a plaque. Gary and Elanor will be in town over the summer and the town could do a dedication ceremony.

Stonestreet family would like to donate a bench to sit under the shade tree.

Garden Club no longer maintaining the areas by the town signs and town hall. Clean Cut lawns may be able to help maintain these areas.

#### Board of Appeals

No report

#### Capital Improvements

Sidewalk is completed, it took over a decade. The position is not as expected, however the curb should help slow turning traffic. Crosswalks will be coming soon. The temp fence will be relocated closer to the sidewalk.

GUEST: Jim Brown, Poolesville Commissioner visited meeting and provided a brief overview. They too have traffic difficulties as well with speeding traffic. They have funds to attempt to deter speeding traffic. For streetlighting, they ad a grant to take control of the lights and it was a \$1million project. Fair Access Committee reached out to representation to continue to push for improvements at the high school and for the largest up-county project. Crossvines at Poolesville Golf Course will be the new event center and wine industry, a \$30million project. The Poolesville commissioners are actively looking for solutions to get Whites Ferry open again,

although there have been many failed attempts. It has been 2 years, 6 months of trying to get the ferry operating again.

### **Traffic Calming**

Last month, 93 stops with 11 patrols, including an early morning patrol to catch the loud, high speed work truck in the early morning hours. Traffic over the summer has gotten worse and there are increased incidents of stop sign blow-throughs. It was proposed to have a shot-gun approach to traffic patrols and have a month of heavy patrols to deter stop sign and speed violations. Patrols would need to be during commuting hours as well as weekends. The county did not consult with the town on where to put the new speed camera on Barnesville Road. The camera is not positioned to catch violations at the MARC station, but at the top of the hill. We will need to wait to find out if the position of the camera is catching speeding violations. The county has over 700 requests for cameras and we now have 3 in and near the town.

Motion was raised to purchase the motion detection speed signs that provide drivers feedback. The town purchases these in agreement with the county police. The county manages the devices. Data is recorded to the Cloud. These have been shown to slow traffic.

### **Planning and Zoning** no report

### **Community Connections/ Communications**

Upcoming events at the bottom of the agenda. Heritage Days in June. Sidewalk dedication to be announced. The survey conducted on Election Night provided additional feedback for more community events.

**Town Hall** available for use

### **New Business**

Election results: Commissioners--Mildred Callear, Shaina Constant Egly, and Mike Zuckerman

Annual Budget Meeting, Date to be announced—funds to increase for grounds and park expenses/landscaping.

### **Adjourned at 8:33pm**

### Upcoming Events

- Sugarloaf Mt. Mindfulness Community Meditation May 19<sup>th</sup> and June 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:45pm to 9 pm at Barnesville Town Hall.
- CPR Training through the UMCVFD at Town Hall on May 20th, 9am to 1pm. (FILLED)
- Bulk Trash Collection will take place on June 7, 2023.
- Montgomery Heritage Days: June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, noon to 4pm. Town Hall and locations throughout the county. More information at: <https://heritagemontgomery.org/things-to-do/heritage-days/>