

## **Barnesville Town Meeting Minutes**

The Commissioners of Barnesville held the town meeting on August 22nd 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 July of 2022 were approved.

Reports:

**Financial Report**—New fiscal year has begun. ARPA funds may be used for Streethawk and to improve stormwater drainage and water access at the park.

**Beautification Committee**—Perennials at the park were planted and are doing well. The bushes at town hall are overgrown and need trimmed. They may need sprayed for mites. The lawn along Beallsville Rd across from the park should be trimmed by CleanCut since it isn't safe for homeowner with their equipment.

## **Sustainable Barnesville**

**Board of Appeals**—no report.

## **Capital Improvements**

**Sidewalks**—The title transfer has been completed and the town now owns the strip of land. The sidewalks should be done by the end of the year. The area by the park and post office has Tree of Heaven growing and needs cut back to prevent spread. Lauren will provide the name of the spray that works to kill it.

**Streetlights/Potomac Edison**—New lights will be 3 ½ times brighter but much smaller, the glare may be worse and the color will be cooler. Full cut-off, will not project upward, but the brightness hitting the ground will reflect upward more and this may mitigate the dark sky compliance shields. Brandon at Potomac Edison said the lights we are getting because that is what they have. John's opinion that Potomac Edison may get other lights later and we should write letters to PE and representatives to delay installation. Audrey suggests we petition for a lower intensity bulb. Mildred asks John to draft a letter to Potomac Edison to use a lower brightness bulb. Possibly, could Potomac Edison install a brighter light at the intersections vs middle of the block.

**Traffic Calming** —8 patrols with 60% stops on Barnesville Rd and 40% on Beallsville Rd. Numerous stop sign violations. A tractor trailer took out a stop sign and Streethawk was able to assist with reporting it for replacement.

**Planning and Zoning**—no report.

## **Community Events**

Save the Date: 275<sup>th</sup> Celebration on October 2<sup>nd</sup>

There will need to be a road closure permit with the county for the parade. Signs will be need to notify. Residents will need to be notified via email and post office board. Jason can help with detour maps and provide 4 officers per road closure. The parade may need to be a rolling road closure with temporary closure one side of the road at a time, if the permit application is denied. Fun Run will be in the morning on Saturday. Historical Display will be at town hall in the mid-day. Parade will be in the late afternoon. Lillard's Corner park event with parade prep and face painting. Monocacy PTS asked about participating. Town dinner to end the festivities. Who should be invited? The commissioners and committee would compile a list of people to invite. Maybe use a google form for parade registration and dinner registration to get a head count. Need an email list and street address list.

Yard Sale for community. August 27<sup>th</sup> Vista Print for signs. Yard Sale arrows. Ads on Facebook.

**Town Hall** is available for rental.

**Communications** no report

**New Business-see above info on street lighting**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.