

Commissioners of Barnesville
Meeting Minutes **July 24, 2023**

Called to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of past minutes

Financial Report. The FY2023 ended on June 30th and the new Fiscal year began on July 1. The FY24 budget was passed at the June Town Meeting. Expenditures were budgeted to utilize the remaining ARPA funds for major projects for pedestrian and traffic safety and improvements to town hall and the park.

Beautification and Sustainable Barnesville-no activity

Board of Appeals-no activity

Capital Improvements-County has agreed to place metal mesh fencing on the pasture side and board fencing on the street side. The fence will not be electrified. It will be moved into its final position.

The stop signs and ADA compliant crosswalks are not positioned correctly, crosswalk is before the stop sign. The county will be contacted for an adjustment.

The sidewalk dedication will be on August 19th. The Elizabeth Tolbert Walkway will have a sign near the entryway by the pasture fence. At the dedication, there will be ice cream provided.

Streetlights are still waiting for materials before Pepco contractors begin installation.

Traffic- June had 10 shifts, focusing on weekends. There were 99 stops, 76 of which were on the weekends. Beallsville road had more traffic stops, but the speeds have decreased since the speed camera was put in place. Barnesville Road had faster traffic. August will have 10 shifts again. Streethawk will be contracted to provide safety for Halloween trick or treaters. Digital Feedback Speed Limit signs will be purchased to mitigate high speed traffic through Barnesville.

The monitoring device indicates cars are speeding up once they pass the stop signs or cameras. The Feedback signs will go on existing utility poles. The data from the signs can be shared with Streethawk to determine timing of regular shifts. For point of reference, the Town of Poolesville spent a considerable amount in order to get control of their roads and has continual maintenance.

Community Connections- Ice Cream Social at the Walkway Dedication on August 19th. On the last weekend in October, there will be a pumpkin carving contest and Bake-off.

The Commissioners thank the History Committee for setting up the Heritage Montgomery displays. The displays remained for public viewing at Town Hall and several will be hung on the walls as a continual display. The Town Hall site was not on the Heritage Montgomery online list of sites.

Communications– Summer issue of Tidbit to be released next month.

Barnesville Area Community Yard Sale will be on August 12th. Advertising will be taken care of and residents are welcome to participate. Some signs are available at town hall.

New Business–

The Rustic Roads designation for Old Hundred was proposed to be canceled. The concern is that if a road is no longer designated, it may be widened for additional traffic flow. Open seats on the Rustic Roads committee are open for nominations. Feedback is needed from the community about the open seats to include representation from smaller farms, and not large commercial farms or land developers. The mayor will send letters of support to block the amendment.

Motion to adjourn at 8:38pm