

## Minutes

Commissioners of Barnesville

Sept. 18, 2023 Town Meeting

Call to Order at 7:05.

10 attendees (1 online) plus three commissioners present

Pledge of Allegiance

Approved Aug. 2023 minutes

## Reports:

Financial Report. The town received a deposit for State Income taxes in the past month, as well as the cable franchise fees. More property taxes are expected over the next few months as the county collects and distributes funds.

Beautification. At the park, Commissioners Shaina and Mike met with members of the beautification committee to discuss estimates and need for water source at the park to water plantings. Easterday estimated digging a new 400ft well at a cost of \$7,000, plus additional costs to install a well pump and spigot. The estimate from Vogel totaled approximately \$9,000. The well would be for agricultural use only and not potable water.

Several questions were raised: Is this something the town residents would like to spend money? Should additional costs be set aside for park maintenance (mulch and weeding), as well as improving beds along the boundaries? Should the option of rain barrels be explored? Can the electric panel be hidden within a structure? Could Potomac Garden center and Brightview be contacted for the maintenance and additions to planting beds?

Sustainable Barnesville: Street Trees along the park edge are proposed in the design and should be planted in Nov/Dec. Statler Trees/Garden were suggested as a source to purchase and plant the trees. It was suggested that Lauren and Michael be contacted for suggestions since they have worked to install and maintain the park landscape.

Board of Appeals: No appeals

Capital Improvements: The front of Town Hall and front door have been painted. The county needs to be contacted to complete the crosswalks at the stop signs.

Traffic: In August, Streethawk reports 75 stops over 10 shifts. The shifts were 4 weekend and 6 weekday. The fastest ticket rate was on Beallsville Road. The Speed Camera located on Beallsville Rd has slowed traffic in that area, according to residents. A request for patrols on Old Hundred was raised. The officer's past concern with this area was a good line of site for the radar. A resident offered their driveway as an option for the officer to be posted. Last year the town received \$18k in revenue for the cameras on Old Hundred. It is predicted that revenue will increase this fiscal year with the additional camera on Beallsville.

Community Connections: The first Twilight in the Park will be on the last Friday in September. A suggestion for twinkle lights or other lighting was made. Additional events coming in October will be the Pumpkin judging contest and the apple bake-off. Judges will go to registered homes for the pumpkin contest. The apple bake off will be at town hall and attendees will vote.

Reminder the Sugarloaf hiking trails are currently closed and are said to reopen within the next month.