**Barnesville Town Meeting**

February 26, 2024, 7:30 pm

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

**Agenda.**

Call to Order at 7:33pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve past minutes for January 2024

Reports:
Financial Report—projected income is on target for this year, with additional real estate property and state income taxes continuing to be received.

Beautification—no report at this time.

Sustainable Barnesville—no report at this time.

Board of Appeals –no report at this time.

Capital Improvements

Sidewalks—Town Engineer will contact the county to remind them to plant grass this spring.

Lighting—Potomac Edison is waiting on the shields, the bulbs are in stock. There may be a delay in scheduling a crew for installation since P.E. is no longer outsourcing the work and a P.E. crew will be assigned.

Traffic Calming—January had 10 patrols with 66 stops. Jason will be closing StreetHawk, LLC. In March. He is recommending a colleague (Rob Sheehan of RSSC Services) as a replacement company. Officer Mike would continue to be the officer working within Barnesville for patrols. Street Hawk has kept the same rate of $60/hr since 2017. The cost with Sheehan would be $95/hr and includes insurance. Other option would be to reach out to the Fraternal Order of Police as a classified ad for a freelance officer, with the expense of $110-$150/hr. Third option would be to hire Officer Mike directly as contractor, but he is not interested in do so, as there is additional paperwork to file with the county. Community input was to continue with Officer Mike with 10 shifts per month. With the installation of the feedback signs, traffic has slowed. The town could continue to move towards owning its own traffic cameras. Supporting documents in petitioning the county for Barnesville to maintain its own cameras would include a letter from Streethawk, data from the Grey Box monitoring system, and the MDOT/State and MoCo DOT application. The camera company (Conduit) with work with the county and town to find a suitable location. A MCPD office would need to be subcontracted to issue citations from the camera. A transportation Ordinance would need to be put into place prior to purchasing and installing town traffic cameras.

Planning and Zoning – The town is workin on enforcing Zoning for the truck repair business. It was asked if the operator has a business license or a hazmat permit for fluid from transmission or oil changes. A second issue of the house/property straddling the town line on Barnesville Rd (towards Conoy Rd) was asked if the survey work being done was to install a solar array. A solar array could not be installed on the portion of the property within the town limits.

Community Connections—The Town dinner will be on March 10 at 5pm with set up around 1pm. Gift Baskets will be assembled as door prizes. Twilight in the Park will resume on one Friday per month once the weather warms.

Town Hall—no activity.

Communications—Holly has officially retired as editor of the Tidbit. If anyone is interested in becoming the new editor, contact the town clerk.

New Business—Beautification question for the park—Has a contract been signed for grounds maintenance for this year? No contract has been signed. Brightview is not interested in the scope of the work, but will send a volunteer initial clean up crew in April and donate mulch.

**Upcoming Events**

Sugarloaf Mountain Mindfulness Community and Sustainable Barnesville: Mindfulness Meditation. March 8th, 2024, 6:45 – 9pm at Town Hall

**Annual Town Dinner March 10th 5-7pm at St. Mary’s Pavilion Hall**

April Town Meeting—April 15th, 7:30pm