

## Minutes

The Town Commissioners of Barnesville

August 17, 2020, 7:30PM

Virtual Meeting during the Corona Virus State of Emergency

Called to Order at 7:35PM

14 residents and all commissioners present

Approval of Minutes—July 2020 minutes approved and will be on website

### Reports:

Financial Report: July- not much new to report, currently “over budget” on grounds work due to repair of town signs. Annual Audit, should be completed by end of August or early September

Board of Appeals: no active cases. 1) Solar panel request permit pending. 2) Waiting to hear from town attorney about coffee roasting business

Capital Improvements: Sidewalks - Segment to Post Office from Lillard’s Corner - Preliminary design plan reviewed. Draft letter to landowner for park to post-office pathway. County will continue with planning.

Crosswalks by Baptist Church were installed.

Stormwater Drainage: Grant/RFP bids due on 8/19 by 5pm. West Harris-Barnesville Road concept plan with impervious materials. The RFP is requesting proposals to develop the concept plan stage (now). The next step will be to look into how to implement the plan. The Town will work with the Church and the County. The county will be meeting with the Town next week.

Park Development: Fencing was completed. Trench for electric prepared. County charged \$800 for the permit for \$2000 of work, we were expecting a \$250 permit charge. It appears they charged for a new service commercial rate. Will try to get that reduced. The Beautification team will work on selecting the accessories and plants for the park.

Traffic Calming: Additional patrols added. 3 Patrols in August planned. Traffic stops in July (5 shifts) included 1 bicyclist for failure to stop at stop sign (bicyclist argued with officer on this), 46 motorists stopped for moving violations and failure to stop (21 violations). Fastest recorded speed was Beallsville road at 65mph.

Community Events: First virtual speaker Eben Kirksey (Aug. 4th) well-received with good conversation among the participants. Future speakers include Chuck Copeland (Sept. 9) and Sen. Brian Feldman (Sept 15).

#### Planning and Zoning

Public Hearing was held with a follow-up meeting regarding the revised Master Plan. Good feedback from the state was received. A chapter on affordable housing is required by the state, currently in draft. Additional suggestions on annexation were proposed.

Additional suggestion from Sustainable Barnesville for a section on Climate Change. Other significant changes may require a second public hearing. After the revisions, the Commissioners will be given the revisions of the Master Plan.

Current permit applications: solar roof installations.

#### Communications

Website--Judy will re-do the website. Holly, Clare, and Audrey are forming a working group. In the first meeting, they will survey similar websites for design and content ideas. Clare is working on rewriting the history section.

#### New Business

Received an email from a Boy Scout asking if there was a project for an Eagle Scout project. Town suggesting maybe bench seating at the park.

#### Questions asked:

- 1) Any concern about the potential closure of the Barnesville Post Office as part of the president's plan to close rural post offices.---this issue can be raised to Sen. Brian Feldman when he speaks with the town.
- 2) Where will polling places be placed this year? If Monocacy Elementary is not a voting place, where will be the closest for residents.