

Special Town Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 15, 2018
6:30 p.m.
Town Hall

1. Called to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Members present: Lori Robertson, Jim Ford, David Rosen,
Cheryl Roberts, Mark Everhart, Deb Tucker
3. Members absent: Mayor Auxer
4. Staff present: Amy Boyd, Chief Mike King
5. Visitors: George Kalathas, Peter Chakmakian, Frank Hill
6. Peter Chakmakian, representing George Kalathas, gave a brief synopsis of their request. We have achieved all the necessary approvals from Commission, Committees and Boards of the Corporation of Shepherdstown. Mr. Kalathas dream is to construct on the subject piece of property, a restaurant. He will utilize the existing structure and expand. They have applied for a zoning classification of PUD. Allows Mr. Kalathas flexibility in terms of the use of the property and allows the city to regulate as he makes changes. Before the final plat is approved, he must have a traffic study done. Other preliminary plans include, an event space for receptions/weddings, lodging for participants. No grand hotel. Changes will be made within the scope of the PUD.
7. Public Hearing - The purpose of the public hearing is to

receive public comment on the George Kalathas Petition for Annexation and Zoning Reclassification. At 6:34 p.m. Lori Robertson opened the floor for the public hearing allowing three minutes per person to speak.

Deb Tucker – you are getting an easement across property to the property with zoning change. Why not do a clean zoning change to include the other properties? Peter Chakamakian responded – they do not know what use to put with those pieces of property on either side of the entrance driveway from German Street back to the property. George Kalathas owns property on both sides. He will provide his own means of access to the property. He may come back and ask for those pieces to be annexed later. Peter Chakmakian agreed it would be a lot neater to do all together.

With no other comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:36 p.m.

8. Moved with no objection by M. Everhart to approve the first reading of an ordinance annexing to the Corporation of Shepherdstown three contiguous parcels of real estate containing 8.276 acres in the aggregate and identified as parcels 43, 43.1 and 43.2 on Tax Map 8, which are presently located in Shepherdstown District, Jefferson County, West Virginia, owned by George Kalathas, and adjacent to and contiguous with the existing corporate boundary of the Corporation of Shepherdstown, and providing for the institution of the necessary proceedings before the County Commission of Jefferson County, West Virginia in accordance with West Virginia Code § 8-6-4 (annexation without election) of an ordinance annexing the George Kalathas property with the zoning reclassification. Unanimous.

9. Appointment of Town Recorder as additional Magistrate – normally when the Mayor is available, he performs the duties of Magistrate. We can have up to three Magistrates. We currently have Mayor Auxer and Frank Hill. The Chief thought it would be helpful to have Lori Robertson sworn in as an additional Magistrate. Moved with no objection by D. Tucker to approved Lori Robertson as additional Magistrate. Unanimous.

10. M. Everhart attended the Jefferson County Commission meeting to discuss the MARC Train Service. They will be having another meeting to discuss funding of the MARC Train Service with the municipalities. M. Everhart reported that the Secretary of Transportation spoke to the Jefferson County Commission and there is about a one-million-dollar shortfall to keep the service running in Jefferson and Berkeley Counties. He is asking the county and municipalities for a “buy in” solution. D. Rosen commented “This is in addition to the taxes we already pay. We have a busing system that can bus people to Brunswick, MD.” No action was taken on this matter.

Meeting adjournment at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Boyd, Town Clerk