

**Shepherdstown Town Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 8, 2019**  
**Town Hall**  
**104 North King Street**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**DRAFT**

**Present:** Jim Auxer (Mayor), Lori Robertson (Recorder), Dave Springer, Cheryl Roberts, Deb Tucker, and Mark Everhart.

**Absent:** David Rosen

**Staff:** Town Clerk Amy Boyd, Chief of Police Mike King, and Public Works Director Frank Welch.

**Visitors:** Tabitha Johnston (Chronicle), Marianne Davis, Abby Streu, Ed Zahniser, Pam Danato, and Nicole Smith.

**Agenda Items 1 and 2-Call to order/approval of Town Council Minutes (vote required):**

Call to order by Mayor Auxer at 6:30 pm.

**D. Tucker - If there are no objections, move to approve the Town Council Minutes of September 10, 2019. None noted.**

**Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment Period:**

- a. Persons who have registered to address Town Council.
  - a. P. Danato – 11/11/19 is Veteran’s Day and there is an event 11/10/19 at the Community Club lasting 1 hour. The Jr. ROTC will be on hand at 1 p.m., and Major Suydam will also speak.
  - b. E. Zahniser - Climate Change – the US has withdrawn from the Kyoto Accord that brings countries from around the world to combat climate change. The movie “Paris to Pittsburgh” was shown locally a month ago to a packed house. Pittsburgh has vowed to continue the basics of the Accord, some of which include front yard gardening, shaded parking spaces and the use

of solar panels. Here in Shepherdstown there have been large solar panel installations, two being Shepherd University and a local church. We are fortunate to have the head of the National Sierra Club Coal Campaign living here. The permafrost is becoming very unstable – climate change is here.

Mayor – we strive to be a green town. We have a tree canopy that allows our Tree City designation, we recycle, and our Waste Water Plant is highly efficient. We should make a list of everything we do with the input of each committee and commission, and come back in two months to present.

E. Zahniser – suggested that Shepherdstown commit to climate change parameters on all of our projects/expenditures. He and D. Springer will work together to compile the list.

**Agenda Item 4 - Visitors:**

Visitor's comments, if any, are logged in under the specific agenda items.

a. Visitor's Center Report

M. Davis –

\* Sunday 10/27 – Witches Tea, 4-6 p.m. is a fundraiser for the Visitor's center – held at the Community Club. Tickets are \$40.

\* November 14-15 – 250 National Guard members will be here

\* Memorial Day 2020 - 30+ Rolls Royce's are coming to town (Sunday only)

**Agenda Item 5 – Public Hearings:**

a. None

**Agenda Item 6 – Unfinished Business:**

None

**Agenda Item 7 – New Business:**

a. Event Requests:

1. Shepherdstown Visitor's Center – BooFest Street Event – Saturday, October 26-Thursday, October 31.  
N. Smith –Will close King Street from German to Queen's Alley 10/26 and 10/27. The activities are the same as last year. Volunteers are needed. There is no home game that weekend.

**C. Roberts – move to approve BooFest Street Event – Saturday, October 26 – Thursday October 31. No objections noted.**

### **Agenda Item 8 – Mayor's Report:**

Mayor –

- Bees in Rumsey Park – Kerri Godfrey has expressed interest in having honey bee hives in Rumsey Park.
- Mayor noted Trick or Treating is 10/31 from 6-8 p.m. with German Street being closed.
- L. Robertson updated the Monarch Waystation at Rumsey Park – the flowerbed was prepared by James Dillon, with Native Havens Landscaping, who is a member of the Tree commission and who donated his time. He was helped by several volunteers and the invaluable help from our Public Works employees. The grass was removed, the area turned over, amended, and smoothed out. It is now ready to plant. Noted was the milkweed that has come up in our beds on German Street that the town leaves for the caterpillars to feed on.

### **Agenda Item 9 – Reports of Committees:**

#### **A. Finance Committee:**

1. Meeting minutes of October 4, 2109
2. Finance Reporting
  2. Recommendations
    - a. Library repairs-

**D. Springer – move to approve the Library repairs for the leaking roof not to exceed \$27,000. No objections noted.**

#### **B. Parking Committee**

1. No meeting September 2019.
2. Recommendations: None

**C. Police Committee**

1. No meeting September 2019
2. Police Department Monthly Report – September 2019
3. Recommendations: None

**D. Parks and Recreation Committee:**

1. Meeting minutes of September 2019 – not available
2. Recommendations:
  - A. None

**E. Public Works Committee:**

1. Meeting Minutes of September 2019 – not available
2. Recommendations:  
None

**F. Path Advisory Committee**

Did not meet in September

**Agenda item 10 – Report of Commissions, Authority and Boards:**

**A. Historic Landmarks Commission:**

1. Meeting minutes of September 2019 – not available
2. Recommendations: None

**B. Planning Commission:**

1. Meeting minutes of September 2019 – not available
2. Recommendations:
  - a. Member recommendation  
Mayor – Lynn “Abby” Streu is from Shepherd Village and wants to be more involved. She has expressed that she will receive her packet electronically.

**M. Everhart – move to approve the appointment of Abby Streu to the Planning Commission. No objections noted.**

**C. Tree Commission**

1. Meeting minutes of September 2019
2. Recommendations: None

**D. Water and Sanitary Board:**

- 1 –Meeting minutes of September 2019
- 2 – Recommendations: None

**L. Robertson - if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 7:06 p.m. No objections made.**

Draft Minutes respectfully submitted by L. Robertson, Recorder for the Corporation of Shepherdstown.