

Shepherdstown Town Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 12, 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, David Rosen, and Mark Everhart.

Absent: None

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

Visitors: Tabitha Johnston (Chronicle), Toni Milbourne, Marianne Davis, Jan Hafer, Richard Dennis, Liz McCormick, and Delegate John Doyle.

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

Call to order by Mayor Auxer at 6:31 pm.

D. Tucker - If there are no objections, move to approve the Town Council Minutes of October 8, 2019. None noted.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment Period:

- a. Persons who have registered to address Town Council.
 - a.

Agenda Item 4 - Visitors:

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

- a. Richard Dennis is the Field Representative for Patrick Morrisey. He is visiting all regional council meetings to observe.
- b. Visitor's Center Report
M. Davis –

* There is free-metered parking from Dec. 16 until Jan. 6. The last day of SU class is 12/6 with the students gone 12/13. Mayor - A notice will be placed inside of all the meters.

* Volunteers are needed for Christmas in Shepherdstown – please reach out to the Visitor’s Center.

The Christmas lights will be extended along S. Princess St.

c. Tracey Danzey – not available

d. J. Getz – Representative for JCDA – the strategic planning is moving forward with a 6-month goal. The interviews should be open to the public. He is the Chairman of the Governmental and Legislative Affairs whose members are representatives from each municipality. He would like input for the priorities Shepherdstown deems important. There is a meeting Nov. 14th at the Charles Town Town Hall at 7 p.m.

Agenda Item 5 – Public Hearings:

a. None

Agenda Item 6 – Unfinished Business:

None

Agenda Item 7 – New Business:

a. Event Requests:

None

b. Sick Leave Bank Policy revision

Mayor – this revision allows employees to donate their sick leave for other needy employees needing extra time.

C. Roberts- move to approve the Sick Leave Bank Policy revision. No objections noted.

c. Marc Train Funding

Mayor – there is a handout in the packet regarding what other municipalities have contributed.

M. Everhart – supports long-term funding. Governor Justice lied to those attending the meeting in Shepherdstown. He walked back his statement the next day.

M. Everhart – move to not give money to the Marc train.

Second by D. Rosen.

Discussion –

D. Rosen – against giving money to Marc.

D. Springer – Marc train is a contributor to Jefferson County and the surrounding area and we should support it. It benefits workers and retirees traveling to the city. We should contribute more than what's being asked of us, and it is part of our Comprehensive Plan.

C. Roberts – the Governor should have been straight with the people.

D. Tucker – her thinking is along the lines of D. Springer. We need to get past the Governor's remarks, as this is important to the constituents.

L. Robertson – agree with the points made by D. Springer and D. Tucker.

J. Hafer – if the train is gone, it will hurt the people here using it.

Mayor – sometimes we have to come together for the common good-we've done it before. The \$28K Shepherdstown spent on the bridge lights still bother him, as we will more than likely never have that reimbursed to us from the state.

M. Everhart – if Shepherdstown doesn't fund it, it will be funded by the Governor (state) – it is the principle of the Governor lying to us. It is not a proper use of our funds.

D. Tucker – on the record as being supportive and to increase our contribution.

D. Rosen – feels like it's another money grab from the Eastern Panhandle.

Mayor – all those in favor of not funding the Marc train-

Nay – D. Tucker, D. Springer, L. Robertson, C. Roberts

Yay – M. Everhart

Abstain – D. Rosen

D. Tucker – move to approve \$2800.00 along with the need to acknowledge the \$28K, by a letter from the Mayor outlying the motion, the state owes Shepherdstown that should to toward the total amount for one year.

Yay – D. Tucker, D. Springer, C. Roberts, L. Robertson
Nay – M. Everhart
Abstain – D. Rosen
The motion passed with a majority.

Agenda Item 8 – Mayor’s Report:

Mayor –

- **A. Award to Officer Moats**
Chief King - Officer Moats is a retired officer from Hagerstown. There was an award banquet recently held at the Casino where he received an award. Officer Moats does grant work, maintains & monitors for seatbelt safety, keeps up with updated regulations, tracks the over-time, give tours of the SPD, and more.

- At 7 p.m. at the Community Club there is the annual meeting for the CC and a discussion regarding Morgan’s Grove Park’s future, as well as the opportunity to join- \$35.00 to join.

Agenda Item 9 – Reports of Committees:

A. Finance Committee:

1. No meeting in October.
2. Finance Reporting
3. Recommendations
 - a. None

B. Parking Committee

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

C. Police Committee

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

D. Parks and Recreation Committee:

1. Meeting minutes of October 2019.
2. Recommendations:
 - A. None

E. Public Works Committee:

1. Meeting Minutes of October 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 October 2019
2. Recommendations: None

B. Planning Commission:

1. Meeting minutes of October 2019 – not available
2. Recommendations:
 - a. None

C. Tree Commission

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

D. Water and Sanitary Board:

- 1 – Meeting minutes of October 2019
- 2 – Recommendations:
 - a. Ghosh Engineers, Inc. agreement
The lead engineer is Jeff Ekstrom with Ghosh.

D. Springer – moves to approve the recommendation of Ghosh Engineers and for Mayor Auxer to sign the agreement. No objections noted.

L. Robertson - if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 7:13 p.m. No objections made.

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