

Shepherdstown Town Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 11, 2020
Town Hall
104 North King Street
6:30 p.m.
DRAFT

Present: Jim Auxer (Mayor), Lori Robertson (Recorder), Dave Springer via Skype, and mark Everhart.

Absent: Deb Tucker, Cheryl Roberts, and David Rosen

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

Visitors: Tabitha Johnston (Chronicle), Marianne Davis, Jason Murphy, Kerry Asam, Rachael Meads, Steve Pearson, Wendy Maddox, Jessica Braner, Elijah Warhurst, and Jack Triplett.

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.

L. Robertson - If there are no objections, move to approve the Town Council Minutes of January 14, 2020. None noted.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment Period:

- a. Persons who have registered to address Town Council.
 - a. Jason Murphy –a resident of Heatherfield addressed Councilman M. Everhart mentioning that M. Everhart was once a member of the social media Facebook group, Jefferson County Prosperity, Inc. (JCP) – he stated -who are known for their slander and innuendo. JCP has attacked Jason, the current Sheriff of Jefferson County, and L. Robertson-Recorder. M. Everhart was a founding member of JCP and has just stood by. Last week Councilman Everhart was in Charles Town with them and endorsed them. JCP has harassed local businesses.

There was recently a training sponsored by JCP and Councilman Everhart was part of that training. JCP has attacked certain individual's livelihoods and now M. Everhart is asking for people to support him in his run for delegate. Please denounce them and apologize to the businesses.

Mayor – people can make their feelings known as there is an election coming up.

M. Everhart – stated he was a founding member of Jefferson County Prosperity (JCP) and will not disavow the group.

Many of them are friends of his and he stands by their 1st Amendment right as he does Jason's, and for all to speak.

Mayor – thank you for your comments.

Agenda Item 4 - Visitors:

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

a. Visitor's Center Report

M. Davis – This Saturday is a meeting regarding the new Library
Shepherdstown Community Club – 2/18 – dinner for the Boys and
Girls Club fundraiser

Evolve – 2/25 – is game day

b. J. Gatz – Jefferson County Development Authority –

Mr. Gatz is unavailable and will give his report next month.

c. W. Maddox – May Day Celebration – Maypole dancing will be held
on McMurrin Lawn.

d. Shepherd University – Alternate Spring Break funding request – R.

Meads – students volunteer for a week in southern WV. J. Braner
spoke saying it is a great opportunity to help our state.

M. Everhart – move to donate \$500.00 to Alternate Spring Break.

No objections noted.

Agenda Item 5 – Public Hearings:

a. None

Agenda Item 6 – Unfinished Business:

None

Agenda Item 7 – New Business:

- a. Event Requests –
 - ACDC Eastern Spring Meet – May 24, 2020 – April 25-26, 2020.
J. Triplett – held on N. King St.
D. Springer – move to approve the ACDC Eastern Spring Meet – May 24, 2020. No objections noted.

 - Rolls-Royce Owners’ Club 2020-June 28, 2020
J. Triplett – Sunday on N. King St.
L. Robertson – move to approve the Rolls-Royce Owners’ Club 2020 – June 28 2020. No objections noted.

 - Easter Parade – April 11, 2020
K. Asam – the egg hunt is always a huge draw and will happen again.
M. Everhart – move to approve the Easter Parade – April 11, 2020. No objections noted.

Agenda Item 8 – Mayor’s Report:

- Elijah Warhurst – Star Scout with Troop 33 – is observing the council meeting for his Communication Merit Badge

Agenda Item 9 – Reports of Committees:

- A. Finance Committee:**
 - 1. No meeting January 2020
 - 2. Finance Reporting
 - 3. Recommendations
 - a. None

B. Parking Committee

1. Meeting minutes of January 23, 2020.
2. Recommendations: None

C. Police Committee

1. No meeting January 2020.
2. Police Department Monthly Report – December 2019
3. Recommendations: None

D. Parks and Recreation Committee:

1. No meeting January 2020
2. Recommendations:
 - A. None

E. Public Works Committee:

1. Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2020.
2. Recommendations:
None

F. Path Advisory Committee

Did not meet in January

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

A. Historic Landmarks Commission:

1. Meeting minutes of January 2020 – not available
2. Recommendations: None

B. Planning Commission:

1. Meeting minutes of January 2020 – not available

C. Tree Commission

1. No meeting January 2020
2. Recommendations: None

D. Water and Sanitary Board:

- 1 –Meeting minutes of January 30, 2020
- 2 – Recommendations:
 - a. Member appointment
Austin Slater.

D. Springer – moves to approve the appointment of Austin Slater for the Water and Sanitary Board. No objections noted.

D. Springer noted that Mr. Slater is an excellent candidate.

M. Everhart moved to adjourn. Mayor - if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 6:57 p.m. No objections made.

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