

Special Town Council Meeting

Thursday May 26, 2020

3:00 p.m.^[SEP]

Zoom Meeting

Present via Zoom: Mayor Jim Auxer, Lori Robertson (Recorder), Deb Tucker, David Rosen, Dave Springer, Cheryl Roberts (3:05 p.m.), and Mark Everhart.

Absent: None

Staff via Zoom: Amy Boyd – Town Clerk, Chief Mike King

Visitors via Zoom: Tabitha Johnston, Ellen Hoffman, Steve Pearson, and Richard Deal

Agenda:

1. Call meeting to order^[SEP]
Call the meeting to order by Mayor Auxer at 3:00 p.m.
2. Resolution supporting West Virginia Strong-The Come Back –

M. Everhart – moves to approve the Resolution -

Discussion –

D. Tucker – what happens if the governor mandates the wearing of masks? Can we use Homerule to mandate it?

Mayor – if there are changes on a state level, we will have to bring forth changes via a resolution. He spent a lot of time outside this weekend and 75% did not wear a mask. When he asked people where they were from – none were from WV.

D. Springer – any negative reactions?

Mayor – only one. They put it on, walked away then took it off.

D. Rosen – can we farther? Mandate?

Mayor – this is as far as we can go.

D. Tucker – businesses have the right to require them.

Council members are comfortable with the resolution.

D. Tucker – how to communicate the resolution?

Mayor – the website, FB page, and the paper on Friday.

Mayor – if there are no objections, the Resolution supporting West Virginia Strong – The Come Back is approved. No objections noted.

3. Letter from the Shepherdstown Police Department to businesses re: support – the Mayor read the letter.

L. Robertson – moves to approve the letter from the Shepherdstown Police Department to businesses re: support. No objections noted

The letter will be communicated in the same manner as the Resolution.

D. Rosen – question – how does the Shepherdstown Police Department (SPD) control the use of the playground equipment? He has notice that the caution tape has been removed.

Chief King – ask them not to do it and report to the SPD.

Mayor – maybe the Parks & Rec Committee can come up with a sign and we can laminate it.

4. Mayor' s Report –

* The National Guard will be administering tests Friday and Saturday, may 29/30 in Jefferson County from 9-4 at the Casino garage. Free walk-ups. They have 1,000 tests. You do not have to be a WV resident. Berkeley County – Musselman High School – 9-4, and Morgan County is at Warm Springs High School – 9-4.

* Town Hall opened today at 1 p.m. for walk-in customers. Best to pay online. Make an appointment to speak with the staff in the council room. Masks are highly encouraged inside of the building. D. Rosen – thinks that masks should be required inside of the building to protect the staff. Council agreed. A. Boyd – we will require them. Chief King – the police department is excluded due to several reasons.

* The Mayor noted that a lot of motorcycle have been rolling through town and are pretty loud. Chief King – motorcycles are required to have muffler inspections and have to have baffles. The SPD have been enforcing traffic as speeding has increased.

5. Adjournment -

L. Robertson – move to adjourn. Mayor – if there are no objections, move to adjourn at 3:33 p.m. No objections noted.

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