

Shepherdstown Town Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 10, 2022
Town Hall
104 North German Street
6:30 p.m.
Mask Wearing is Optional
Also being streamed on the town’s Facebook page “Shepherdstown,
West Virginia”
DRAFT

Present: Jim Auxer (Mayor), Lori Robertson (Recorder), Marty Amerikaner, Jenny Haynes, Chris Stroeck, and Cheryl Roberts.

Absent: Jim Ford

Staff: Town Clerk Amy Boyd

Visitors: Stacey Tabb, James Vigil, Steve Pearson, and Leah Rampy.

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.

Approval of the Town Council Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2022 and the Special Town Council Minutes of April 19, 2022.

C. Stroeck- move to approve Town Council Draft Minutes of April 12, 2022 with the following corrections/clarifications per M. Amerikaner: pg. 2 Agenda Item 4-Visitors –a, line 8 to clarify a statement from M. Amerikaner – to read that the concern came to him from a resident regarding some confusion about the 90% response time – The response time is currently around 9 minutes – the Fitch report focuses on a 90th percentile response time of 15 minutes.

Pg. 3 Agenda Item 4 – Visitors – a, line 10 to clarify a statement from M. Amerikaner that he asked S. Stolipher to reassure us that no matter what model was chosen, Shepherdstown would not lose any service-S. Stolipher agreed. Second by C. Roberts. No objections noted.

M. Amerikaner – move to approve the Special Town Council Draft Minutes of April 19, 2022. Second by C. Stroeck. No objections noted.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment Period:

a. Persons who have registered to address Town Council.

b. **Agenda Item 4 - Visitors:**

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

Mayor – the Write-In candidates are present and can introduce themselves:

J. Vigil – has lived in Shepherdstown/area for 30 years and worked at Shepherd University for 27 years as Vice-President of Administration. He is now a management consultant.

L. Rampy – has lived here for 4 years. She was a teacher and has worked at a public university. She now has a consulting business. She resides in Shepherd Village.

Agenda Item 5 – Public Hearings:

Agenda Item 6 – Unfinished Business:

a. Dog Fest – update

S. Pearson – The date is June 11th. They have talked to ABC and they have fencing for the beer garden. The street is all mapped out. They have been in contact with the health department. There are 6 rescue organizations and 8-10 vendors. There are 4 bands – 60 minutes each. Port-a-potties are procured. There will be demos on the Midway on SU campus. They are expecting 500-800 visitors and will be giving out prizes.

Agenda Item 7 – Old Business:

a. Reminder – Tuesday, June 7, 2022 is the Municipal Election for Mayor, Recorder, and Council held at Shepherdstown Town Hall.

b. DNR Proposal – be sure to visit the site at the Tobacco Warehouse/boat ramp prior to the meeting.

DNR feels that parking is an issue and wants to add parking on the other side of the walking bridge where River Front Park is located, and possibly do fishing tournaments.

Mayor – the lot would take away from our River Front Park, S. Tabb – concerned about blacktopping the park. Has there been any kind of study done?

Mayor – no

C. Roberts – move to have the Mayor author a letter to Mr. Keplinger stating that the Town Council considers this project to be not viable for the Corporation of Shepherdstown with the current and possible future use of the area and recommends no change to the current lease. Second by M. Amerikaner. No objections noted.

Agenda Item 8 – New Business:

a. Endo Settlement

Mayor – this lawsuit that Shepherdstown may or may not be eligible to be part of regarding the opioid litigation. The town attorney recommends the Town Council to consider authorizing the Mayor to execute and return both the Local Government Election and Release Form and the MOU by June 1, 2022.

L. Robertson – move to recommend the Town Council to consider authorizing the Mayor to execute and return both the Local Government Election and Release Form and the MOU by June 1, 2022. Second by J. Haynes. No objections noted.

b. Relay for Life Proclamation

C. Roberts – move to approve the Mayor to sign the Relay for Life Proclamation. Second by C. Stroeck. No objections noted.

Agenda Item 9 – Mayor’s Report:

- Byrd Center 7 pm – Steve Pearson will speak about the history and renovation of the Opera House
- Historic Shepherdstown will honor Betty Lowe as Poet Laureate taking over from the late James Price.
- Book Sale at the Community Club is May 14 & 15th
- Stronger with each Step – a 5K walk is May 14th.
- May 14th – Shredding event- behind the library – 11am-1pm
- May 15th – Shepherdstown Museum – Black History Exhibit – 2-4pm at the Entler
- May Day – it was a wet day but special thanks to Laura First, Wendy Maddox, and Joanie Blanton. We are now a Tree City for 16 years.
- May 21-22 – Back Alley Garden Tour – tickets are still available
- No new updates regarding the EMS controversy
- Barge – there is a unmanned barge floating down the river – fuel could have contaminated part of the river
- Spring rains and sun have caused the grass to grow – please cut your grass and put the clippings in paper, not plastic, bags and the town will pick them up. Remind your neighbors of this as well
- Spring Clean Up went very well with lots of items picked up.

- Ascend – no updates

Agenda Item 10 – Reports of Committees:

A. Finance Committee:

1. No meeting April 2022
2. Finance Reporting:
 3. Recommendations
 - a. None

B. Parking Committee:

1. No April 2022 meeting
2. Recommendations: None

C. Police Committee:

1. Meeting minutes of April 2022
2. Recommendations: None

D. Parks and Recreation Committee:

1. Meeting minutes of April 2022 - not available
2. Recommendations:
 - a. None

E. Public Works Committee:

1. Meeting minutes of April 2022
2. Recommendations:
None

F. Path Advisory Committee

1. No meeting in April 2022
2. Recommendations:
 - a. None

G. Grants Committee

1. No meeting in April 2022
2. Recommendations:
 - a. None

C. Stroeck – the SDBG has had 8 applicants with 1 qualifying and a check has been issued.

Agenda item 11 – Report of Commissions, Authority and Boards:

1. Historic Landmarks Commission:

1. Meeting minutes of April 2022 – not available
2. Recommendations:
 - a. None

2. Planning Commission:

1. Meeting minutes of April 2022 – not available
2. Recommendations:
 - a. None

3. Tree Commission

1. No meeting in April 2022 - not available
2. Recommendations: None

4. Water and Sanitary Board:

- 1 –Meeting minutes of April 2022
- 2 – Recommendations:
 - a. New member appointment-
L. Robertson – move to approve the appointment of Sylke Knuppel to the Water and Sanitary Board. Second by M. Amerikaner. No objections noted.

4. Board of Appeals

1. No meeting scheduled

L. Robertson – move to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Second by J. Haynes. No objections noted.

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

