

Town Meeting, July 20, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the town hall. There were 8 people present: Mayor Menke, Commissioners Brown and Fedders, Clerk Menke, Lib and Richard Tolbert and Carol and Garland Johnson.

The financial report and minutes were read and approved.

Committee Reports:

- A. Safety** – Mayor Menke stated he did walk the sidewalks and that there was a couple areas that needed the trees trimmed to the 6 foot height and shrub moved back away. He stated he would call or write a letter to the property owners. Commissioner Brown stated there was an odor coming from the Ruhl's property when she walked by.
- B. Beautification** – no report.
- C. Board of Appeals** – no report.
- D. Planning and Zoning** – Walt Prichard called and left a phone message that he decided not to continue seeking approval of his 75-acre parcel for 3 homes and was going to build one house. Meg Menke has been in pursuit of helping the town voice their opinion regarding the Mega Church being built in Hyattstown and in Frederick County. Other Citizens have also sent letters to the Frederick Planning Commission.

Old Business:

- 1. The **projection screen** has been installed in the hall. Need to contact an electrician or have Dave Johnson to do so for the electric hook up.
- 2. **Speed camera's** – Mayor Menke has been in contact with Commander Didone and we have been approved for two boxes, one camera, on the east and west ends of Barnesville Rd. Mayor Menke is still trying to get more boxes and cameras. There was discussion on getting the speed lowered to 30 MPH near the school or 25 MPH in town. Mayor Menke suggested that the town pay for the extra boxes so that the camera could be moved around and others agreed.
- 3. **Oral History** – Max did a great job and it was very delightful and entertaining, per Mayor Menke.

New Business:

- 1. **Budget** – Patty is still working on the budget and the Commissioners will need to make a special meeting to discuss and approve the budget.
- 2. **Geo Caching** – Commissioner Brown stated she went to a meeting at the MML conference and 60 municipalities are involved. It was decided that she would check with the smaller towns to see how well this is working for them and get more information. Commissioner Brown is serving on the Communication Committee, which is where the Geo Cache began. Commissioner Fedders does not feel this is something for our small town.
- 3. **Helping Hand** – Danielle Desoto had emailed Clerk Menke asking if the Town would be interested in setting up a committee to help Barnesville community, financially, in this time of hardship. The Commissioners felt it was not something that the town should do and that the County and Churches handle this. It was decided to contact the church to see if there was a contact number for people to use and the town could place on our Web site along with County phone numbers where people could search for help. We would get more information and put pamphlets and such at the post office where citizens could go for that information. Clerk Menke will see if Danielle would like to do this.
- 4. **Building Permit** – Barbara Davidson submitted a building permit for a small shed / utility building but it would not be 75 feet from the centerline of the road. The Commissioners cannot approve a permit that does not meet the specifications of the building permit and their permit was denied.

Commissioner Fedders asked Clerk Menke to send a mass email to the Citizens informing them that recyclables should be put out for Thursday afternoon pick-up.

Commissioner Fedders moved that the meeting adjourn at 8:40 p.m. and Commissioner Brown seconded with all agreeing. Respectfully submitted, Patricia H. G. Menke