

Town Meeting – September 21, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm at the town hall. There were 13 people present: Mayor Menke, Commissioners Brown & Fedders, Clerk Menke, Lib & Richard Tolbert, Meg Menke, Ann Thompson, Barbara Davidson, guest Kirk Mettam & Pam Bow regarding the Barnesville Oaks subdivision and two other guest.

### **Committee Reports:**

- A. Safety – 1.** Mayor Menke stated that the sidewalks would need repairing soon. **2.** Mayor Menke stated that he spoke with Captain Didone at a Citizens Advisory meeting and the Captain stated that there is money from the speed camera's that is appointed for safety. The Mayor stated that sidewalks and bike paths would be a great use for safety. He is checking more into this.
- B. Planning & Zoning – 1.** Meg Menke stated that there will be a hearing on October 14 regarding the Mega Church in Frederick County. It is important that people attend the meeting and voice their opinion. You will soon be able to go to the Web page [www.stopthemegachurch.com](http://www.stopthemegachurch.com) to get more information. Meg asked if the Commissioners would like her to go to this meeting and speak on behalf of them. All of the Commissioners stated yes. **2.** Meg had a sheet that she passed out which had examples of county zoning regulations for wind and solar for Frederick County, St. Mary's County and Washington County. She would like to hold a Planning and Zoning meeting and invite the people that know more about this to speak to the citizens and the Committee. The Commissioners felt that this would be great. **3.** Meg has not heard anymore regarding the Prichard property. **4.** Pamela Bow and Kirk Mettam spoke to the Commissioners and passed out information regarding the Barnesville Oak Farms Proposed Subdivision. They wanted to know if the Commissioners would support their efforts to stop the building of the 31 clustered homes. They took around a petition for all to sign. Commissioner Fedders moved that the town would send a representative, as an opposition, to the Barnesville Oak's meeting, with Commissioner Brown seconding and all agreeing. Commissioner Fedders will add both links on the Town Webb page, the one for the Mega Church and the [www.stopBarnesvilleOaks.com](http://www.stopBarnesvilleOaks.com).
- C. Board of Appeals –** No report.
- D. Beautification –** No report.

### **Old Business:**

1. Debt Policy – Mayor Menke stated that we sent our information to the State Treasurer's Office and the Department of Legislative Services regarding the town's policy on debt. Our Charter states that we cannot go into debt.
2. Budget – The Mayor stated that he went onto other Town's Web sites and there were a lot of them that did not have information on the Budget or financial information. He also spoke with the MML and there is no rule on how much money a town has in their accounts, just so they are Federally insured. He stated he would like to see the Park money in it's own account and separate from the rest. It was agreed.
3. Commissioner Fedders said he has the town's Web site updated. He is thinking about having a town get-together to see what ways the Web site could be better.

### **New Business:**

1. Mayor Menke asked if someone would volunteer to be on the Census Committee. The Town needs an accurate account, which can affect the tax money the town receives. No one offered.
2. Mayor Menke went to one of the MML Chapter meetings and they had a representative from the Department of Planning. It was stated that the Town of Barnesville would be getting \$5000 from the State for MD Energy. The town is thinking of ways to save energy. Meg said to make sure we think outside the box and that making people drive slower also saves energy and maybe we could use that money toward another speed camera.
3. Mayor Menke stated the Legislative Dinner will be held at the Marriott and that our town was to invite Senator Garagiola.

4. The Mayor stated that he read the review from the State Audit and the Town was not mentioned regarding our practices.

Commissioner Fedders moved we adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm with the Mayor seconding and all agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia H. G. Menke  
Clerk/Treasurer