

Mount Jackson
Town Council Regular Meeting
December 11, 2018

The regular meeting of the Town of Mount Jackson Town Council was held December 11, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at 5901 Main Street. Roll call was taken with the following in attendance; Mayor Miller, Judy Fultz, Dennis Andrick, Donnie Pifer, Rod Shepherd, Roger Rudy, and Bonnie Good Councilmembers. Also, in attendance, Kevin Fauber, Town Manager; Neil Showalter, Finance Director; Matthew Akers, Town Attorney; Susan Maziarz, Interim Town Clerk. Visitors: Ronnie Zerkel, Jim Hines, Chris and Candi Lopresti, Donald and Joyce Shirley, David Brinegar and few other visitors from the community.

Agenda Additions/Deletions/Changes: None

Hear from Visitors: Ronnie Zerkel, 124 Daniel Gray Drive, a packet was given to each Councilmember, the situation I will be speaking about is code violations from the people doing work beside my house. I cannot cover it all in three minutes. The most important problems are five different code violations. There is one where the code states a non-residential zoned area must have a twenty-foot buffer next to a residence, that is not there. If the engineer's and the town manager would have had a meeting prior to approving the engineer report this would have been sighted. The town manager nor the contractor or the engineer know that I have the authority to a right away off the intended driveway. They built a lagoon, built road and blocked my right way for seven months which is illegal. This was addressed more than once with the contractor and general manager Wayne. We discussed water run off that was ignored totally. To the north of the lagoon the water drains directly to the north of the house. To the south of the lagoon the water drains off the parking lot into the south end of the property. The lagoon was supposed to have been re-dug out, sediment removed, put the bottom in like it was supposed to be where it does not leach, and the walls were supposed to be done. The drain of the lagoon to the town main sewer drain is not at the bottom of the lagoon. Anywhere from 6 to 10 inches of water drains from the lagoon 24-7, which leads to underground mining on my property, which is dropping the yard, also lowered the driveway, flower beds anything between the lagoon and my driveway. This has been discussed more than once with the county, Town Manager and the general manager Wayne, nothing has been done. There are more violations on this project which I have identified, if town would abide by your code and if the engineers abide by the code, I would not be standing here because that lagoon would not be where it is. It would have been located on top of the hill where the old barn is. Nobody talked to me about the engineer report, I begged for the engineer's report. I talked to Kevin he showed me the engineer drawings and I took pictures of it. That is the only way I found out what was going on and what didn't go on. The boundaries set back twenty feet negates the whole project as far as I'm concerning that lagoon. You have infractions from the bottom of the lagoon to the walls of the lagoon to the boundary. There is also a dumpster sitting ten to twelve feet from the road. It states in the code it must be in the most rear of the property, the loading dock is not supposed to be facing a residential lot. It's not my problem why these things are there, it's my problem the code is not being followed. The ordinance chairman came down came to the property to hear my complaints and to show him what

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is going on. We have tried to work with these people and Kevin time after time, now you know what is going on.

Mayor Miller spoke, think this is helpful, I think this is good you put this before us. I thank the chairman for going to the site and working with you. I would like to see you continue to work together with the Town Manager and Councilmember Andrick. We have a copy and we will take a look at it. I would the record to reflect that this matter will go to Mr. Dennis Andrick Chairman of the Ordinance Committee along with Kevin and myself for a meeting once we have looked this over and we will get back with you.

Candi Lopresti, 5146 Dogwood Drive, John Boor last month who introduced the Mount Jackson Enhancement Committee could not be here tonight he wanted to give an update to our two meetings we have had. We met in November, we had a great turn out of residents who want to help and contribute, Jenna French, Director of Tourism and French Price, Associate Director were there. They offered us some ideas, they answered some questions we had regarding things we could do in town. It was a very productive meeting. Yesterday we met again we had a great turn out again, Sharon Baroncelli, Executive Director Shenandoah County Chamber of Commerce, she talked about some ideas and we talked about some ideas we can do to help enhance on bringing activities to the town. There was a lot of energetic people and positive thoughts, a lot of good things we hope to be able to do next year for the town. Our next meeting will be January 14, 2019 at 10:00am at the Shenandoah Valley Designs Studio – Karen Estep is the proprietor there.

Remarks & Recommendations from the Mayor: We had our Christmas Parade, thank goodness the weather was on our side, it was cold but it is December. I want to thank Chief Sterner and the Police Department for keeping everything together and helping with the route. I thought it was very well attended. As we are heading into the New Year, I'm excited about the new Enhancement Committee and what can be accomplished here in Mt. Jackson with their help. I am extremely grateful and thankful for your help. Kevin has been keeping me up to date on what is going on. I'm truly looking forward to what the Enhancement Committee can do.

Remarks from Councilmembers: None

Presentations: Town Donation to Mount Jackson Rescue and Fire Department, Vice-Mayor Shepherd spoke, we traditionally make a donation to the Rescue and Fire Department every year for all their good work they do. The Rescue and Fire Department is a tax-deductible donation, citizens write checks the to the Rescue and Fire Department it is tax deductible. In order to get that, they have to file with the Internal Revenue Service under 501-C to get the tax-exempt designation and every year afterwards the Rescue and Fire Department has to file a 990 Form and they give us a copy of that. The staff and I looked at it the other day, there are two lines on this 990 Form that drew my attention.

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First off is the executive salaries, there is a zero for compensation. All the hours devoted down there is volunteer time. The value that these volunteers provide to this community, rescue and fire services the average wage is between \$20.00 and \$30.00 per hour. If you look at the month of November the number of responses was eighty percent volunteer crews. Mayor Miller presented David Brinegar with a check for \$25,000.00 for the Mount Jackson Rescue and Fire Department.

Town Attorney Report: None

Chief of Police Report: Chief Sterner introduced Officer Keith Cowart who was promoted to Sargent on December 1, 2018.

Town Manger Report: None

Committee Reports: Finance Committee Chairperson, Rod Shepherd, the auditors are in the house.

Personnel Committee Chairperson, Roger Rudy, we have offered the position Clerk of Council and Administrative Assistant to Debbie Stover, she will begin on the first of January.

Public Safety Committee Chairperson, Judy Fultz reported the Police Department for November totaled 398 calls down 115 from October. There were 10 Criminal Offenses, 9 have been cleared or closed, 1 under investigation. There were 2 open doors/windows at 2 different locations. Rescue & Fire report for October the total responses for 75 total EMS responses 51, total fire responses 24, 80% of total responses by volunteer crews. They served 360 people for the Breakfast with Santa event. Annual Turkey Oyster Dinner will be Saturday February 23, 2019.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval – Minutes of November 13, 2018 Regular Meeting & Minutes.

Councilmember Pifer MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Andrick to APPROVE to the Consent Agenda consisting of the Approval-Minutes of November 13, 2018 Regular Meeting.

VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilmember Fultz	None	None
“ Andrick		
“ Pifer		
“ Shepherd		
“ Rudy		
“ Good		

6 AYES, motion carried

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Old Business: None

New Business: None

Councilmember Good made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Clerk

Mayor