



THURMONT TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.
THURMONT MUNICIPAL OFFICE
MEETING ROOM

AGENDA TOPICS

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. INTRODUCTION OF TPD K9 "MAJO".
3. RECOGNITION OF FREDERICK COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY AND WOODSBORO BANK FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF "MAJO".
4. TPD MONTHLY REPORT
5. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS
 - a. Commissioner Buehrer
 - b. Commissioner Hooper
 - c. Commissioner Hamrick
 - d. Commissioner Burns
 - e. Mayor Kinnaird
 - f. Jim Humerick
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS
7. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PUBLIC SECURITY, THE DEPLOYMENT OF FIRE AND POLICE SERVICES AND THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY PLANS.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

- 10/25/18 – PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETING
- 10/27/18 – COMMUNITY SHRED EVENT – TPD – 7AM TO 12PM
- 10/27/18 – HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK – COMMUNITY PARK
- 11/03/18 – TREE PLANTING – COMMUNITY PARK – 8:30AM
- 11/08/18 – TAC MEETING – 7PM – TOWN OFFICE
- 11/09/18 – ART & WINE STROLL
- 11/10/18 – YARD WASTE DROP OFF – 8 TO NOON – BEHIND THE LIBRARY
- 11/14/18 – GREEN TEAM MEETING – TOWN OFFICE – 6:30PM
- 11/15/18 – TAC SPEAKER – PROGRAM @CHS – MUSIC IS MEDICINE
- 11/22/18 – TOWN OFFICES CLOSED – THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
- 11/23/18 – TOWN OFFICES CLOSED – THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Minutes from October 23, 2018 Town Meeting

A meeting of the Thurmont Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The following were present: Mayor Kinnaird; Commissioner Hooper, Hamrick, and Burns; CAO, Jim Humerick; Economic Development Mgr., Vickie Grinder; Thurmont Police Dept., Lt. Allen Droneburg, Ofc. Nicole Fair, Cpl. Tim Duhan, and K9 "Majo"; Frederick County Government Affairs & Public Policy Director, Roger Wilson; CJ Fairfield (FNP), Dick Lee, Viktor Kraenbring, Brian Maul, Mark Boggs, Pamela Wahl, Connie Grab, Jim Wilkins, Elliot Jones, Steve Ott, Martin Burell, and Steve Herne. Commissioner Buehrer was absent this evening.

Commissioner Hooper led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of TPD K9 "Majo"

Cpl. Duhan introduced Majo and said "he's a reconnaissance dog only. We got him from Castle K9, he came from the Czech Republic. He's a mix, now he's probably 17 months old shepherd-mali mix. He's a very social dog and he's coming along really good with his drug training, but he is certified now so were on the street.

Recognition of Frederick County Humane Society and Woodsboro Bank for their Support of "Majo"

Lt. Droneburg said "as you know gentlemen we had \$10,000 in the budget to purchase a new K9 and we fell short because he came with a bigger price tag, so tonight we'd also like to recognize our community partners the Frederick County Humane Society and Woodsboro Bank for contributing the extra \$2,500 it cost to get Majo... The Frederick County Humane Society donated \$1,500 to help with the purchase of Majo." "And also Woodsboro Bank donated \$1,000." He had Connie, Pam, and Brian from the Frederick County Humane Society and Martin and Steve from Woodsboro Bank come forward and presented them with certificates of recognition.

Mayor Kinnaird said "I'd like to express our gratitude to both the Frederick County Humane Society and the Woodsboro Bank. It's nice to know we have such involved partners not only in Frederick County but also in the Town of Thurmont and I extend our deepest gratitude for your participation with Majo." Commissioner Hooper said "I agree totally." Commissioner Burns said "from the Thurmont Addiction Commission we recognize that this is a multifaceted problem that we face and there's multiple ways of eradicating opioid addiction and use in our community. This is but one of those ways and we sincerely appreciate it because there is an element that we do want to throw behind bars and get them from dealing. And the other part is education and awareness, which Majo will be part of, right, because I know Officer Duhan takes him to kids and educates people on opioid addiction and opioid abuse and we appreciate the support to the community and on behalf of the Thurmont Addiction Commission I thank you." Commissioner Hamrick said "I want to thank the Woodsboro Bank and the Humane Society for giving Tim his new partner... and thanks for being part of the community. I know that Woodsboro Bank is very much so connected with Thurmont, a long history... and we appreciate it."

TPD Monthly Report

Lt. Droneburg said "again our stats have remained consistent even thru September. Again no crime sprees throughout the summer. All of our numbers are within 10 – 20 difference in percentages throughout, nothing of significance for September to report. The guys do some creative work, I heard about some shoplifting and Sheetz that you all took care of... yesterday, hopefully that put a stop to that complaint, so they're out there doing everything they can. September code violations came down significantly... again most of those do get resolved I think once the citation was issued..."

Commissioner Hamrick asked "how was the Colorfest all together as far as violations, parking?" Lt. Droneburg replied "we had some parking tickets issued this year. It was well posted, I think some signs may have disappeared and we'll have to look at that next year. Some places it wasn't posted that got packed like under the bridge at the overpass, they were kind of on their own there. We may have to consider that next year, but as of like last year on Saturday this year on Saturday between 11 & 2 I don't think you could fit another person and another car in town, so they were just finding their own spot, that's just one of the things that's temporary so..., but other than that no significant events at all." The Commissioner added "I noticed the number of dogs was less, but I still saw a little too many." The Lt. said "and I would still encourage the recommendation to leave them home. Hopefully they'll keep getting less each year, but I thought it was less this year too." Mayor Kinnaird said "it says it on the Colorfest Inc. brochure that you're encouraged not to bring dogs out. I think you'd be hard pressed to ban dogs. I know In-The-Streets bans dogs for whatever particular reason they have, but we'd be hard pressed to ban dogs across the town. I'm sure you could probably do it in specific areas if we really wanted to, but I think overall for the whole event it would be very difficult to do that." Commissioner Burns added "unfortunately it's a public place so that's why it makes it very dicey to say you can't take your dog in a public place. But I agree we discourage it because it can only cause injury. Two dogs tie up and they get in a fight..."

Lt. Droneburg said "Mayor I'm sure you'll touch on this again but the Shred Event was cancelled for this coming Saturday, it's been postponed until next Saturday. That is the last date we can get for this year so hopefully the weather will be nice."

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Hooper:

- Due to the weather reports this weekend looks like it's going to be a little rainy, so we've decided to postpone the Halloween in the Park until next weekend November 3rd. Hopefully we can get some decent weather and still have it and provide some fun for the families... So just put that on the calendar for next weekend.
- As you can see we're still in our "Pink", we're winding down to the end of our month of October annual breast cancer awareness "Gateway to the Cure" event. Hopefully people have been taking part and been going to the different businesses in the town that participate... it's one of those things that's easy to take part you just have to go to the various businesses that are supporting this. I've heard some of the businesses advertise on the radio and they've mentioned "Gateway to the Cure" in part of their advertisement. So it's taken off over the past number of years and we've taken in over \$43,000 so hopefully we can beat last years \$15,000 amount that we were able to bring in. I've noticed a lot of the pink lights on outside in different areas of town and they're still available at Ace Hardware and at Hobbs' Hardware and if you

could support by putting your pink lights on in the evening. We have merchandise still for sale here at the Town Office... and if any of you ride thru the square you'll notice the pinwheel garden and it keeps growing. As people purchase the pinwheels we add them to the garden and they are in honor or in memory of someone who's been affected by cancer... And hopefully we'll be able to present a sizable amount, check, on Tuesday, November 20th at our Town Meeting to Patty Hurwitz that can be used for breast cancer research. So anybody who would try to use the rest of the month to try to go out to the businesses in town and take part in the fundraiser, it's a very needed thing as far as trying to come up with some money to find a cure because a lot of us have been affected personally with people with breast cancer. And I think the Alderman of Frederick City would be good to get onboard with something like this...

Commissioner Hamrick:

- This will be the 4th or 5th annual Veteran's Day Service, which happens to fall on a Sunday, which is Veteran's Day at the Trinity United Church of Christ. It's an 11:00 service and it's a Veteran's Day celebration luncheon open to the public... I do highly recommend you bring your family out to that, if you are interested in coming and going to the luncheon afterwards an RSVP is needed, so contact Trinity church at 301-271-2655 and let them know the number of folks and that is open to the public and is free to the public. The date is November 11th, Sunday at 11:00 at Trinity on E. Main.
- Friday, November 9th is our Fall Art & Wine Stroll... enjoy some samples from the local vineyards. Teen Open Mic will also showcase a few acts between 6:30 & 7:30 at 5B on E. Main Street... Gnarly Artly will be holding his live drawing session at Thurmont Bar & Grill. Programs will be handed out at the stroll and will be available at the participating businesses.
- The Gingerbread Workshop, the first one is already sold out, the second one is still open for Saturday, December 8th at 10 a.m. at the Main Street Center. The fee is \$40 and includes all of the supplies needed to make a holiday gingerbread house and the workshop will be led by Heather Lawyer... You can contact Heather at agingerbreadlady@gmail.com or our very own Vickie Grinder at vgrinder@thurmontstaff.com. And there is going to be a Valentine's Gingerbread Workshop on Saturday, January 26th at 2 p.m., more information to come on that.
- The Thurmont Annual Christmas is Saturday, December 1st and begins at 9 a.m. with Santa. Carriage rides, music, dance performances, music by our very own Gateway Brass Ensemble and the Catoclin High School Band. Prize entries for children 0-17 will be on the square along with maps to be stamped for adults to visit the local businesses for stamping. Fully stamped maps are entered for a prize drawing at Hobbs' Hardware at 5 p.m. Also, the Thurmont Lions Club will be sponsoring a Community Christmas Tree as they have done in the past, however this year the ornament can also express a seasonal sentiment or simply identify the individual organization that placed the ornament as long as they are in good taste. Please note that the ornaments must be weatherproof for obvious reasons. The tree will be dedicated at 7:30 on the 1st, so it will be a full day of events that Saturday. The Lions Club would like to see individuals and organization place their ornaments on the tree as a part of the dedication ceremony, but if that is not convenient the ornaments may be placed at any time after the tree is erected around the 15th of November. If you require more information contact Bob Johnson at rcyrilj@aol.com or you can contact me and I'll get you in touch with Bob.

- The Gateway Brass Ensemble will be doing a Christmas Concert Thursday, December 20th at 6:20 p.m. at the American Legion

Mayor Kinnaird added "this year we're having a new feature at the Christmas in Thurmont which is a train garden, which will be in 5B E. Main Street and it's being sponsored by the Frederick County Society of Model Railroad Engineers. This is a local group they have... a spot in Frederick that's an old horse car from the B&O Railroad and they have a fantastic setup in there. They are open on Saturday's and Sunday's in January and February, they have open house. Great group of guys and I encourage you to go into there. It's free to go into their place, they do ask for donations, but they are going to setup a large scale model train in 5B E. Main Street. It'll be open on December 1st for Christmas in Thurmont and our hope is it'll be open on Saturday's and Sunday's throughout the month of December. So I invite everyone to come down and have a look at the train setup... and they will be asking for donations. They are in the middle of renovating their facility in Frederick, so there will be a request for donations as you come in, so I encourage you to come down and make a donation and look at a spectacular train setup during Christmas in Thurmont and throughout the month of December. And Santa Claus will be there I'm sure a couple of times to take pictures...

Commissioner Burns:

- November 14, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., that's a Wednesday, they're having the second edition of "An Introduction to the Enemy". It's the addiction awareness and education pillar for Thurmont Addiction Commission, this is what kind of spearheaded the idea of forming an addiction commission. A Mr. Terry Austin of the Austin Addiction and Mental Health, the Catoclin PTSA, and the Thurmont Addiction Commission are sponsors and it's a rendition from Mr. Austin, who's a recovered addict and has a treatment center now, to try to get the word out about opioid addiction. It was very, very well attended the first time and we're hoping to get more people there. No one under the age of 12 should go, this is not for kid but we'd love to get as many parents again as possible out there, a lot of information. I can tell you that the Thurmont Addiction Commission was extremely successful at Colorfest. They had more people come up to them and say I'm a recovered addict, I think you guys are great in what you're doing. You know more than they ever imagined, all of these people in our community said hey I'm a recovered addict or where can I get help? One woman actually broke down in tears and said I need help for my son. So it really opened the doors and they were inundated with those types of question to say hey they missed the mark this year and they really want to go full out next year with information. They had free water that was donated by a number of gracious people so they could just hand out water not to make money, but if they wanted to leave money to help the cause that was great. But it was more of introducing people to information that they could give and it really resonated well and it was better than they ever imagined, so that was awesome.
- Question D, a lot of people out there see a lot of signs about Question D and I'm going to give you from Commissioner Burns his opinion on the issue from where I stand as one of your elected officials. Right now and I would ask Mr. Wilson to correct me if I'm wrong in anything from a County perspective. Right now the career firefighters have arbitration where they can meet with the County Executive and they can negotiate different things that they'd like to see for the career firefighter service. What is on the ballot now is binding arbitration, so if I got this correct I think, I'm going to try to simplify it, if the career firefighters and the County Executive are negotiating for a salary and they say hey we want 10% increase in salary and the County

Executive says in good faith tries to negotiate what is reasonable, what is affordable. She has the big picture in presenting her county budget to the County Council and she says hey I can't afford 10%, it's not reasonable, it's not supportable, it's not sustainable, whatever the case may be or maybe it is... If she makes a decision that they're not happy with and they can't find a common ground then it goes to a third party non-elected official arbiter that then looks at both sides and then can make a decision one way or the other on whether the County... If the third party arbiter says hey you have enough money to afford this and I think this is reasonable, boom and make a decision then that binds the County to fund that... So your non-elected official, they've already done their job, the County Executive said we can or can't support X and if the third party non-elected official decides in favor of whatever they ask for, guess what we are bounded to support that. That's why that's not sustainable. We don't have binding arbitration for deputies, for teachers. We have arbitration... but not binding arbitration. So I'm telling you from this elected official I would never vote to support anything like that in this town and I don't think you ought to support it in the County. Why? Because it is absolutely not sustainable. Because if they come in and make a decision the County is on the hook, responsible by law or by our Code to support that. Now if the County Executive has to look at all that and the Council when they adopt the budget, has to look across the spectrum of all the different support services and county staff. So I don't think it's also fair to give them, one small 400 I think career firefighters... oh and not to mention the majority of the fire service in Frederick County is volunteer and we don't do anything for them... you know what I mean, within reason. They save us hundreds of millions of dollars for everything that they do in this county for the decades... and the Ambulance Service volunteer as much as possible. But this volunteer fire company in Thurmont is all volunteer, so I just think you ought to be very careful and be educated that this isn't about not supporting them, they do a fantastic job the career firefighters and that has nothing to do with the value that I place on them... I support them and I think they deserve a fair wage, but I don't think it's fair to put it on a third party non-elected official arbiter that would come in and make a decision that binds the County. So that's where I stand with that.

Mayor Kinnaird asked Roger Wilson if there was any validity to what he has been reading on Facebook about Question D. Mr. Wilson said he didn't think there was any validity to that... "But it is focused on Commissioner Burns what you were talking about adding that budget line item in there that allows for this in-between person to try to negotiate the contract. That's what the focus is... This would actually change the Charter." The Mayor responded "this would actually change the Charter which is a dangerous precedent also. I won't speak one way or the other, but I think this is achievable without changing the Charter." Mr. Wilson said "of course we don't have a public position on the Question D, but I would encourage all the voters out there to, I'm sure you've received your sample ballot, just do your homework and understand clearly what you're voting for on those questions. Since we're talking about voting, early voting starts this Thursday at 10:00 – 8:00 and I believe you have an early voting location here in Thurmont, the Thurmont Library. So I would encourage the community of Thurmont to exercise your right to vote. A lot of people died for you to have your right to vote and I would suggest that if you have to camp out, be there at 9:30 to make sure you get your ballot to vote this time."

Jim Humerick:

- I wanted to mention that Vickie has been working very diligently with Niki Eyler and we have secured horse and carriage rides again this year for Christmas in Thurmont.

- I hate to say our all-inclusive playground was vandalized today. It received some damage to it, not significant, but that playground is so near and dear to our heart any little bit of damage to it certainly hits us where we don't want to be hit at. Actually Jeff Barber from Playground Specialists is the one that pointed it out to me, someone reported it to him... We'll be taking care of getting a police report done on that, we do have some witnesses that may be able to point us in the right direction of who did it. I just wanted to make note of that because as you know we put a lot of blood, sweat, and tears into that, us and the Civitan Club and other folks in town here and it's something we don't want to see... we don't want to see any of our parks or any of our facilities be damaged, but I would encourage if there's any residents out there that can help be another set of eyes for us and keep an eye on parks and playgrounds and our town facilities it certainly would benefit us. And in this case we did have a resident call the playground manufacture installer instead of the Town but that's okay because we have a very good relationship with Jeff and he called me right away... The witness did report to Jeff that it did appear to be deliberate, it wasn't just normal wear and tear that damaged this. So we'll take care of it, we'll catch them and get restitution... and certainly we'll make the repairs so the playground will be safe and usable for everyone.

Mayor Kinnaird:

- Because of the rain that they're forecasting this weekend, as Commissioner Hooper said earlier, Halloween in the Park has been delayed now til the rain date which is November 3rd, so I want everyone to remember...
- Also the Community Shred Event, which is sponsored by the Thurmont Police Dept. and Woodsboro Bank, I appreciate them sponsoring a second shred event for this year has also been postponed from Saturday the 27th to November 3rd... So a week from this Saturday will be the Shred Event. The Shred Event is from 8 a.m. – noon and there is a limit of 5 boxes per person of documents to be shredded and we do ask that you bring along a non-perishable food item for each box that you bring. Now there is a limit to the number of boxes that you bring, but there is no limit to the number of non-perishable food items you bring. These food items and cash are donated to the Thurmont Food Bank...
- The Pink Pinwheel Garden is growing. The pinwheels are \$1 a pieces and you can write a loved ones name on them or you don't have to write a name on them. You can come into pick them up here at the Town Office and tell the ladies who you want it placed in memory of and those names are being placed on our Town Facebook page. I encourage everyone to get involved in that. The pink light bulbs are still available for sale... and several other items. Go to every business in Town that you can think of, 90% of the businesses in Town are supporting our "Gateway to the Cure" again this year... And if you want to make cash donations yourself we'd be more than happy to accept cash donations towards the cure.
- Christmas in Thurmont is coming up on December 1st, which is not very far away. It's a great day to come out, bring your kids out and register for prizes... I think that every kid that shows up gets a prize. There's always a lot of prizes for adults, but the adults actually have to work for their prizes, it's a little game they play to get that. It's well worth it we always have a great turnout at night and we have a fantastic day. Pictures with Santa Claus, you get to go to a lot of businesses and meet a lot of people, there'll be a Christmas program down at the Regional Library. Santa will be at the Regional Library at 1:00 to read "Twas' the Night Before Christmas"

for the kids. And again there will be a Train Garden setup in 5B E. Main Street this Christmas and it'll open on December 1st at Christmas in Thurmont and will be open Saturdays from 10 – 4 and Sundays from 12 – 4 thru the month of December. And again I want to thank the Frederick County Society of Model Railroad Engineers for their participation.

Public Comments

Elliott Jones, 42 Catocin Highlands Cir., said “you already mentioned that Thursday was the beginning of early voting, some people may not know this but in Maryland you can still register to vote on the first day of early voting. So if you have not yet registered you still have a shot, again that’s only on the first day of early voting. You cannot currently register on Election Day, however there is an item on the state ballots, it’s either A or B I can’t remember, but they’ll be voting for whether we can have registration on actual Election Day... Again vote as soon as you can or vote when you can, just vote. The other thing I had for Halloween, for the record, I am firmly on the side of candy in this conversation, but some children are in fact diabetic or they have allergies so they cannot usually participate in the normal treats, however I understand that if you put out a teal pumpkin or paint a pumpkin teal that’s sort of a signal that you have non-candy treats to give out... any non-candy type treat if you want to give those out to any kids so that they can be included in the festivities. Again a teal pumpkin is a signal that you have those treats to give out...”


Mayor Kinnaird said “Elliott reminded me to remind everyone that October 31st is Trick or Treat in Thurmont... and Trick or Treat starts at 6 p.m. and runs to 7:30 p.m. and we encourage people to turn on a porch light if you are going to be handing out treats. So if you put out a teal pumpkin or a teal light you can indicate that you have a non-candy based treats for little kids and Elliott that’s a very good comment, thank you very much.” He then went thru the list of upcoming meetings and events, October 25th is Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting. November 3rd is also tree planting in Community Park and we’re planting 21 trees, this will be the 6th time planting trees in the park and it begins at 8:30 a.m. “My thanks to Jim for organizing this and to all the volunteers that come out and help plant the trees, it takes a small army to plant the trees. We have help from the Department of Natural Resources, we typically have Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and we have our Green Team out as well as some Town Staff and anyone else that wants to come out and lend a hand or just come out and watch it. Because you’ll be able to years from now be able to tell your kids or grandkids you watched these trees being planted. And I also want to say that the trees that are being treated for the emerald ash borer seem to be doing exceptionally well. I think it was a good move on our part to decide to treat those trees, but unfortunately there’s another group of trees that are going to be taken down probably shortly because they’ve succumbed to the ash borers work.” TAC meeting November 8th at 7 p.m. at the Town Office, November 9th is the Art & Wine Stroll, November 11th is Yard Waste Drop-off from 8 a.m. – noon behind the library on Moser Road, November 14th is the Green Team meeting at the Town Office at 6:30 p.m., November 15th the TAC speaker program at Catocin High School “Music is Medicine”. On November 22nd & 23rd the Town Offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday. “We had a rather sad event that just occurred, one of our employees, Becky Long’s mother passed away and Becky sent a thank you card... Becky’s mom was a great woman and we were all touched at her passing.”

Closed Session to Discuss Public Security, the Deployment of Fire and Police Services and the Deployment and Implementation of Emergency Plans.

Motion – Mayor Kinnaird said “I’d like to ask to go into closed session” and he read the closed session statement into the meeting. Commissioner Burns said “so moved”. Commissioner Hooper second.
Vote – 4-0-0, motion carried.

Without further discussion the regular meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robin Clem", with a stylized, elongated horizontal stroke at the end.

Robin Clem
Recording Secretary

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**TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2018**

PLEASE SIGN IN

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3	Brian Man/	Fredrick
4	MARKUS Boggs	Fredrick, MD
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6	Connie Gras	4833 Falling Waters, WV
7	Lee J. JONES	ZACC MURTEL
8	Elliot Jones	42 Catocin Highlands
9	John OTT	Emmittsburg, MD
10	Markus Bundl	Fredrick, MD
11	Steve HENKE	Ironville, MD
12	CPL. TIM DUHAN	TPD
13	"MAJO"	TPD
14	OFF NICOLE FAIR	TPD
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