



# **THURMONT TOWN MEETING**

**JANUARY 12, 2021 AT 7:00P.M.  
THURMONT MUNICIPAL OFFICE  
MEETING ROOM**

## **AGENDA TOPICS**

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. APPROVAL OF 12/15/2020 & 1/5/2021 TOWN MEETING MINUTES**
- 3. SWEARING IN CEREMONY – TPD OFFICER MICHAEL WEAVER**
- 4. CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED BRIDGE DEDICATION**
- 5. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**
  - a. Commissioner Buehrer**
  - b. Commissioner Hooper**
  - c. Commissioner Hamrick**
  - d. Commissioner Burns**
  - e. Mayor Kinnaird**
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- 6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
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### **UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:**

- TOWN OFFICES CLOSED ON JANUARY 18**
- 1/28/2021 - PLANNING & ZONING MEETING 7PM**

**TOWN MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021**

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# TOWN MEETING MINUTES

## JANUARY 12, 2021

A Town Meeting of the Thurmont Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The following were present: Mayor Kinnaird (via zoom); Mayor Pro-Tem Hamrick; Commissioners Hooper, and Burns; CAO, Jim Humerick; Sr. Admin. Assist. Becky Long; Dick Lee; Gary Spegal

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Hooper led the Pledge of Allegiance

### APPROVAL OF 12/15/2020 and 1/5/2021 TOWN MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Hooper said "I make a motion to accept the 12/15/2020 meeting minutes as presented." Commissioner Burns second. Vote: 4-0-0, motion carried.

MOTION: Commissioner Burns said "I make a motion to approve the 1/5/2021 Town meeting minutes as presented." Commissioner Hooper second. Vote: 4-0-0, motion carried.

### SWEARING IN CEREMONY – TPD OFFICER MICHAEL WEAVER

Mayor Pro-Tem Hamrick said "our new officer, Michael Weaver, came to us after a 22 year career with Frederick City Police." Mayor Pro Tem Hamrick then proceeded with swearing Officer Michael Weaver in as a Thurmont Police Officer (see attachment).

Officer Weaver said "first off, I appreciate Chief Eyler giving me this opportunity I really appreciate it. I have only been with the department for a few days and so far it has gone very well; it is a little change from Frederick but I like it. I am a resident of Thurmont and moved here in 1998 when I got hired by the Frederick City Police Department. I have two sons and they both attended Thurmont Schools. I am currently married and have a 9 year old step-son. Before I came to Frederick I attended college at Indiana University of Pennsylvania where I received a degree in Criminology and was then hired by the Frederick Police Department. Over my career with the police department I got the opportunity to do a lot of great things; I worked in the Narcotics Unit, patrol as a K-9 handler for 7 years and had a great career. I was very fortunate to work in the City of Frederick. I am anxious to work up here and get to know the guys better and get to know everyone in the Town a little bit better. Chief Eyler stressed to me the community policing as of it and I am looking forward to that."

### CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED BRIDG DEDICATION

Gary Spegal from American Legion Post 168 gave the results of his research for KIA Dedications (see attachment).

Mayor Kinnaird (via Zoom) said "my only request is if you have someone who wasn't actually physically in the Town of Thurmont but out in the County that you extend your request for dedicating bridges or whatever out into the County for those people, too because we are going to run out of bridges very quickly in Thurmont and it is good that they are from Thurmont High School that is great but you know there are plenty of other structures that are outside of the Town of Thurmont within the 21788 zip code or within the area that kids graduated from Thurmont High School that probably would be just as appropriate as anything in Town."

**MOTION:** Mayor Kinnaird said "I would make a motion right now that we adopt a set of standards that the American Legion has presented to us with the opportunity to encourage them to look at other areas if that becomes a necessity." Commissioner Hooper second. Vote: 4-0-0, motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Hamrick said "you will be working towards right now naming those two bridges in honor of Charles Pittinger and Woodrow Carbaugh. The next step is for the American Legion to draw up some plans for us." Commissioner Burns said "I would recommend that you come up with what you want to do, the propose, or talk to Staff about the zoning regulations for sign size and the Mayor and Staff can take a look at it before you make the final decision." Mayor Kinnaird suggested that all signs to be the same size and design.

### COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

#### Commissioner Hooper:

- I spoke with the coordinator at the Senior Center to see what is happening. Although they are not open, they still are doing their monthly birthday ride-byes with seniors who are having birthdays. They have applied for some grant money for replacement of some computer equipment. If any of the seniors have any questions please call the Senior Center and they will try to help you.

#### Commissioner Hamrick:

- First indoor farmer's market will begin in March. This is primarily due to the outpouring of support this last summer plus people were asking if it could be done indoors. There will be two vendors specializing in home-made baked goods, locally made sauces, organically grown vegetables, hand sewn items, local honey and Angus beef. It will start on a Saturday, date to be determined and time will be 9-12 pm.; the exact date should be known in two weeks. The market will be held at the Thurmont Plaza on North Church Street where the train display was and will move back outdoors to the Municipal Parking Lot in May.
- The Thurmont Business Bucks are available for sale all year long. They come in \$5, \$10, \$20 increments and are redeemable at 33 businesses in town.
- The Office of Frederick County Economic Development released there 2020 Top 50 Legacy Businesses and were revealed in a special publication last week by the Frederick Magazine. This year the special edition of the Frederick County Top 50 focuses on recognizing 50 of Frederick County's businesses that have been serving Frederick County for 20 years or more. Thurmont had

eight businesses in the Top 50 so congratulations to the following businesses for their dedication and service to the Thurmont community and congratulations to all 50 winners: Elower-Sicilia Productions of Dance & Music, LLC; Hillside Turkey Farm; Mountain Gate Family Restaurant; Ole Mink Farm Recreation Resort; RR Donnelly; Stauffer Funeral Home; Winterbrook Farms; Woodsboro Bank. Also congratulations to Scenic View Orchard located in Sabillasville.

**Commissioner Burns:**

- Since a week ago since we had the things happen down in Washington, D.C., I just ask everybody to take it easy. We need to love each other more often, be more considerate and passionate towards the other side; that doesn't look like that is going to happen anytime soon with any of them and it is so sad because they are all equally guilty; but Joe Biden is the President-Elect. There has been no doubt in my mind I will say that publicly and just ask everybody to support them where you can. It is a shame at the very end of a tumultuous presidency of President Trump and I give him not all the blame for it to end in violence. As much as I have been here saying that it is a shame that anyone lost their life, I am sorry if you break into the Capitol and you get shot and die I have no sympathy for you; you are lawless. I am sorry I say the same thing about protests of Black Lives Matter; if you go and smash a brick through a window and you happen to get shoot by a police officer in that process I do not feel sorry for you because you broke the law. So I would ask everybody to just settle down and hopefully in less than a week it will be over at least until the next election and try to do better.

**Jim Humerick:**

- Woodland Park playground has been closed down as it is undergoing renovations right now. This is a program Open Space Grant project that you gentlemen approved last year. After this park is complete they will be moving on to Ice Plant Park and making renovations there as well. Hopefully the next Open Space cycle we will be able to get additional funding so we can finish Woodland Park in the next cycle. We hope to have this park back open in no more than two weeks.
- I had a conversation today with Pastor Sally and we made the determination that there were a few volunteers who tested positive for COVID-19 at the Food Bank. We felt very safe that they hadn't been in the Food Bank but we wanted to go ahead and just be safe so we have closed the Food Bank down for the remainder of this week.

**Mayor Kinnaird:**

- I encourage everyone to keep wearing your masks, wash your hands, and stay 6 feet away from each other. The Town of Thurmont is hosting another COVID-19 test on January 22, 2021 at Town Office from 5-7 p.m. and it is a drive thru. If you drive up you stay in your car and if you walk up they take you first. If anyone needs a test sooner than this date you can go to the Frederick Health Village off of Monocacy Blvd in Frederick, they test 7 days a week starting at 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL

Motion: Mayor Kinnaird said "I'd like to ask that we go into closed session." He then read the Closed Session Statement into the meeting (see attached). Commissioner Hooper said "so moved." Commissioner Hamrick second. Vote 4-0-0, motion carried.

Without further discussion the regular meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Recording Secretary,

  
Debora Warrenfeltz





JOHN A. GENTILE

WES HARRICK

MARTIN BROWN



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**Jim Humerick**

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**From:** Gary Spegal <cfestalp168@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 03, 2020 12:05 PM  
**To:** Jim Humerick  
**Subject:** KIA Dedications

**EXTERNAL SENDER:**

Jim:

My research has revealed the following, starting with the Korean War:

1. Paul K. Carty (Nothing found))

Vietnam Conflict

1. SGT Woodrow F. Carbaugh (action pending, Thurmont)
2. SGT Kenneth L. Krom (dedication complete, Walkersville)
3. PFC Charles R. Pittinger (action pending, Thurmont)

Post 1975: Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, Gulf, Afghanistan, Iraq

1. Eric W. Hayes (Cascade. Graduated from Living Word Academy in Blue Ridge Summit PA, 1998 KIA 29 NOV 2004)
2. James W. Higgins, Jr. (Thurmont. Graduated Catocin High 2003 KIA 27 JUL 2006)
3. Robert A. Seidell III (dedication complete, Emmitsburg)

Total of seven. Two complete, two in process, three that have yet been addressed to an American Legion Post for action.

The consensus of opinion is that those of the era of the Thurmont High School, graduating from Thurmont High School should be addressed by the town of Thurmont with a Thurmont structure. Graduating from the school, they were part of the school population. They were their friends with whom they grew up, ran with, dated, played ball with, etc. This should not be limited by lines on a city map or chart.

Those of the later era of the Catocin High School (post 1975 conflicts), incorporating both Emmitsburg and Thurmont should be addressed by the Post and Township of their residence, as such Robert A. Seidell III is remembered on the Taneytown Road bridge over route 15, in Emmitsburg. With what I have found out about the others, I believe Higgins may be the only other potential for Thurmont.

Any comments, thoughts?

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