



**THURMONT TOWN MEETING
NOVEMBER 29, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.
THURMONT MUNICIPAL OFFICE
MEETING ROOM**

AGENDA TOPICS

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. CLOSED SESSION STATEMENT FOR 11/8/16**
- 3. APPROVAL OF 11/8/16 TOWN MEETING MINUTES**
- 4. 2016 THURMONT "THINK PINK" PRESENTATION TO PATTY HURWITZ**
 - a. CATOCTIN HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTATION**
 - b. TOWN OF THURMONT PRESENTATION**
- 5. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**
 - a. Commissioner Buehrer**
 - b. Commissioner Hooper**
 - c. Commissioner Hamrick**
 - d. Commissioner Burns**
 - e. Mayor Kinnaird**
 - f. Jim Humerick**
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

12/3/16 – CHRISTMAS IN THURMONT

12/8/16 – PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes from November 29, 2016 Town Meeting

A Town Meeting of the Thurmont Board of Commissioners was held Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The following were present: Mayor Pro-tem, Commissioner Buehrer; Commissioners Hooper, Hamrick and Burns; CAO, Jim Humerick; Sr. Administrative Assistant, Becky Long; Main Street Manager, Vickie Grinder; Samantha Hogan (FNP), Robin Rose (FMH), Laurie Wilhelm (CHS), Chase Wilhelm, Dick Lee, Elizabeth Lee, John Doll, Maggie Doll, Viktor Kraenbring, Shane Biser, Tristan Rice, Owen Brown, Jim Wilkins, Russell Rice, Stephanie Biser, Tim Vaught, Patty Hurwitz, Jeff Hurwitz, Erik Legg, Jon Moles, Mike Hillman, Niki Eyler, Deb Spalding, Eli Free, Dawn Free, Marcie Brown and Dennis McLaughlin.

Commissioner Buehrer stated I am Mayor Pro-tem, our Mayor as we speak very disappointed is sitting in an airport in New Jersey and it is called a layover and he would have been here, because this is an important night for all of us.

Commissioner Hooper led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session Statement for 11/8/16

Commissioner Buehrer read the closed session statement from 11/8/16 into the meeting (see attached).

Approval of 11/8/16 Town Meeting Minutes

Motion – Commissioner Hooper said “motion to approve”. Commissioner Hamrick seconded the motion. Vote – 4-0-0, motion carried.

2016 Thurmont “Think Pink” Presentation to Patty Hurwitz

a. Catoctin High School Presentation

Commissioner Buehrer said tonight is “Think Pink” presentation and I would like to invite Laurie Wilhelm from Catoctin High School to the podium.

Ms. Wilhelm said on behalf of Catoctin High, this would be Football, Cheerleading and the Student Spirit Group, we have a donation to the FMH Patty Hurwitz Fund of \$750. This was from t-shirts that we sold and cash donations at the October 14th game. Commissioner Buehrer asked for Chase Wilhelm, Shane Biser, Eli Free, Tristan Rice, Owen Brown and Patty Hurwitz to come forward. The young men presented Ms. Hurwitz with the donation. Ms. Hurwitz said I am just always moved and touched by our younger citizens that get involved in this. It’s awesome for the leaders of the school who probably helped to get this started and for you guys who stepped up and help to contribute to this Fund, you are on your way to being great citizens and I really appreciate it. (There were applause and photos taken of the group.) Vickie Grinder thanked Laurie for allowing Jim and her to come up on your “Pink Out Night”. We sold \$350 worth of pinwheels and t-shirts that night, so thank you.

b. Town of Thurmont Presentation

Commissioner Buehrer said next on our agenda this evening is our Main Street Manager, Vickie Grinder and Vickie is going to give us a presentation and share some information with us.

Ms. Grinder said we are going to watch a presentation first and for those of you who are not familiar with this, every year in October we do "Thurmont Think Pink", where the town literally turns pink. We have many businesses that are so generous and they come out and they support this wonderful cause. Before watching the video she asked Patty Hurwitz to come up and say a few words about the Hurwitz Fund and the strides that the Hurwitz Fund at FMH has made.

Patty Hurwitz said it is always an honor to be here, this is the third year, it seems like I've been coming a long time. It is an honor and the effort that you put into this and the heart and soul that you pour into it and that fact that your whole community gets involved, it's just an amazing thing that happens here. You do transfer your whole month into "Pink" and that's really great. Ms. Hurwitz said I was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1999 and after that experience Jeff and I decided that we wanted to have the very best experience for women and men facing breast cancer here in Frederick County, so that they wouldn't have to go down the road as I did and so we started the Hurwitz Breast Cancer Fund in 2000. To date we are almost to 1.5 million dollars that we have raised thanks to efforts like yours. We've been able to some really neat things with that money. We've purchased state of the art equipment that sometimes are things here in Frederick County that even Hopkins didn't have, but we were able to have it here in Frederick because of this Fund. A lot of equipment for early diagnosis and treatment, because I believe that that was the thing that helped me to still be a survivor, being diagnosed early, so that was important. Going forward we are going to also be supporting the new James M. Stockman Cancer Center that's under construction and that's going to be a wonderful thing for our community. I just thank you from the bottom of my heart for what you do, it's just a really wonderful awesome thing.

Ms. Grinder then showed her power point presentation on how we got to where we are this evening. Commissioner Buehrer said as you can see we had fun doing this also and Commissioner Burns was obviously our leader at the 5K. Commissioner Burns said it takes a real man to be able to wear a pink tutu and run the race. Commissioner Buehrer said we would like to show our respect to those from the 5K. He then asked the following to come to the front if they were here; Dawn Free, John Steiner, Kim Quick, Erik Legg, Marcie Brown, Thurmont Wise Market, Catocin Mountain Orchard and Catocin Boy's Cross-Country Team. Thank you folks for participating. Mr. Humerick stated that the folks that were just recognized were volunteers who helped us with the 5K this year, either by being there helping us out or by monetary donation or by donations for food and drinks and we certainly couldn't have done it without any of you guys. We really appreciate you helping out this year, it was a terrific success and it's all because of you, so thanks very much for that.

Ms. Grinder said that we've asked the businesses to come out and say what they did in their quest to help us for this great cause. We'll start with Gateway Candy and Gateway Liquors with Maggie and John. Maggie said when this started three years ago when this started we started wearing pink and we make every Friday as a pink Friday throughout the whole store. The guys really get into it and during that month we donate \$1 pink bottle of wine, my sister makes pink breast cancer ribbon lollipops and then we donate for any pink ice cream. It's a lot of fun and we enjoy doing it and we're glad to be able to support a good cause like this. And only real men can wear pink.

Next we have Dr. Jon Moles of Gateway Orthodontics. Dr. Moles said this is probably the fortieth time I've worked with breast cancer as I lost my sister to this and it's been very close to my heart. Three years ago when Vickie came to me I said no, because I didn't know what to do, I hadn't even opened my shop yet. But last year we had a great time and this year I got every patient involved that would and

that was every time that they would put pink braces on I'd donate \$1 and they didn't break the bank, but they said they'd promise to next year. So, we're still working on that and as you see this is a uniform that I wear (he had on a pink shirt with a pink bow tie), if you've been to my office I have a whole room dedicated to breast cancer, it's just part of life. Thank you for all of you who actually do the work, because all I did was come up and smile and say please join my "Think Pink" Team and even my Urbana patient where my other office is got in on the band wagon, so part of the money even came from those people down there.

Then we have Niki Eyler of Eyler Flea Market Stables. Ms. Eyler said this is our first year participating and all of my vendors donated 10% of their sales every Friday thru the month of October. We also had a donation jar at our counter and some of the vendors also donated some pink items and when they sold all of the proceeds went to the breast cancer fund. We had a good time participating and we hope to do so again next year.

Ms. Grinder asked if everybody would stick around because when we do the presentation we would like to have the businesses and the 5K team in the picture as well. She then read a list of everybody who participated in our 3rd Annual "Think Pink" (see attached). Now we will present the check if Patty would like to come up and all the businesses. Commissioner Buehrer said while we are doing that I want to remind you that last year on this very night we had to scramble because we had not reached \$10,000, we were \$9,000 and some change and these Commissioners were not going to let that happen, so we reached \$10,000. He asked Commissioner Hooper how this all started with Vickie as the brain child three years ago and give me an account for the first two years, then I'm going to show you all the count for year number three. Commissioner Hooper said it was Vickie's idea and she came to me with the idea actually about four years ago. Bel Air did this kind of thing and we said we could do that, so we brought the idea forward and Jim here said let's do it. We've actually been lucky that the Town has jumped on like they have and thanks to Vickie and all the work with everybody we really appreciate everything that everybody has done. Now the first two years like Commissioner Buehrer said, the first year was \$4,760 and we thought we did great and then we more than doubled it last year and got to \$10,000 so we'll see what this year brings for you. The big check was unrolled to reveal a total of \$13,675. There were applaus and pictures taken after the presentation. Commissioner Hooper also gave Ms. Hurwitz some pink t-shirts.

Ms. Grinder asked Robin if she would like to say anything. My name is Robin Rose and I am the VP of Development at FMH and I just have to tell you that this is such a wonderful thing that you all do and I especially loved the challenge that you threw out to the other communities and I think we only had one to jump in and participate and you all kicked their butts, but it's only their first year. I think that's a great thing and I hope that through our hospital publications that we can share what you've done so that other communities may get onboard. As Patty mentioned we are very fortunate that some of the money raised over the years to the Hurwitz Breast Cancer Fund will be supporting our Cancer Institute, which will be opening. We're so very excited that through our affiliation with MD Anderson, which is a leading cancer center in the world, that we will be bringing state of the art care here to Frederick, so that not only will breast cancer patients get excellent care, but all of our cancer patients will be getting world class care. The protocol and the treatment regiments that the patients will receive here at FMH Cancer Institute will be the same that they would receive if they went to the MD Anderson in Houston Texas. So, we are bringing this to the community and yes it's an FMH building, but it's folks like you that make it possible. Thank you so very much for all that you do. Ms. Hurwitz said to the Board, I just want

to personally thank all of you, you're just an amazing group of leaders and the fact that you have gotten your Town to come onboard with this and you've been so involved with tutu's and everything else. Of all of the fundraising things that we do in October this is one of the highlights for me and I really appreciate that you are honoring survivors in your community and honoring the memory of other people, it's just an amazing thing that you do. Ms. Grinder said Patty it's an amazing thing what you have done. Ms. Hurwitz said and thank you Vickie it was your..... Vickie said it was a joint effort and Wayne left out one small part of that story. Jim had just come onboard and we were sitting in his office and I said that this is something that I think we can do next year, because it was like August I think and we just got to this topic and he said next year, we're going to do it this year. I looked at him and I said are you crazy, there is no way that we can pull this off it's only a couple of months away. So, thanks to Jim we are in our third year or we would only be in our second year. Thank you Jim and the Thurmont 5K was all Jim, so hat's off to Jim Humerick. It's very sad that breast cancer and any cancer affects all of our lives, but Patty thank you for what you do. And to end the story I just have to share with everybody what one of your family members said about you when you were running the 5K in your tutu, they said you looked like an ostrich and I said no he doesn't, but you did..... and he ran the 5K in 32 minutes, so that like blew everybody away. Commissioner Burns laughed and said I used to look like an elephant, I've lost 35 pounds and I am still very disappointed that the Thurmont Community Ambulance Company wasn't right behind me running the whole way, with the oxygen like the football players. But, I want to give a shout out to Patty and her husband, what you've done through a tragic event in your life has transformed your community. You can say what you want, you've taught young high school kids to sacrifice, you've taught people to go the extra mile, to fight, to challenge, to get tested and that is a legacy that will last far longer than anything that we could ever do. And I just thank you as a mother who's a survivor of breast cancer and a grandmother who's a survivor and friends that are currently going through it, God Bless you and God Bless this community, because it is one hell of a community. I do want to say Mayor Kinnaid is extremely disappointed that he couldn't be here. Like Commissioner Buehrer said, he wanted to be here, he made sure everybody knew and you know the airlines and stuff are messed up and I'm sure he's gonna be very disappointed, but he was a big part of this too with his pink boots. Ms. Grinder said absolutely, he's a big supporter and he's very passionate about this campaign, so John we hope you watching somewhere and got to see the grand total. And the businesses are awesome, the residents and people even from Emmitsburg came down and bought pink light bulbs. And in closing Middletown raised \$750, so let's have a round of applause for them. Thank you all for coming out.

Commissioner Buehrer said thank you all for being here and as far as the meeting is concerned we are going to take a 5 minute break, so if any of you would like to talk with one another, talk to Patty and her husband Jeff, feel free to do that and then we will reconvene.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Hooper:

- We got all of the expenses squared away for our Halloween in the Park and we'll be presenting a check to the Thurmont Food Bank, they've already gotten a truck load of food, but they'll be getting a check for \$2,750. It worked out real well this year, because we had some nice grants

from Walmart and some other generous donations we were able to offset a lot of the costs this year.

- Hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Hamrick:

- Had nothing this evening.

Commissioner Burns:

- I want to thank everybody that went out and voted. It doesn't matter who you voted for that's really irrelevant, the fact that you exercised your right under this free country that we live in and you didn't take it for granted I appreciate, no matter that's not the issue. On the flip side now that the election is over, I hope everybody tries to support any candidate in any way shape or form you can where you find common ground and if you don't find common ground, then fight the good fight, but do it out of respect. I didn't always do that, I got into politics and I had a rocky road at the beginning, but I wised up pretty quick. I'm still passionate, but the tone is different, so I just ask everybody to support all elected officials in any way, shape or form you can where you find common ground and work for the betterment of this State, City, County and Federal Government. And thanks for those that voted.

Jim Humerick:

- I wanted to thank everyone that came out and helped us out at the Municipal Governments Open House. We had a nice turnout of Staff and public here. It was a beautiful day, so it was good to get all of our equipment out here along with the fire apparatus and the ambulance and a nice K-9 demonstration by our Police Dept.
- I know the Mayor wanted to make this announcement, but I'll make it for him tonight. The Moser Road Bridge is open. It is completed, at the last meeting we talked about hopefully coming up with a way to open it temporarily while they were doing last minute repairs and we were able to do that, but since then the repairs have been completed. The guardrail posts are in, everything has been completed and the bridge is open and it seems like people are enjoying both the vehicular bridge and the pedestrian bridge.
- The second athletic field at Eyler Road is just about finished. The field is completed, all the drainage is completed and right now we have a contractor installing the fence and a contractor is finishing up the drainage swale. So, weather permitting I think that will probably be finished in a week.
- The gazebo at Mechanicstown Square Park is completed with the exception of some very ornamental trim that they are making at a different shop to be put on the gazebo, but it is open and operational for Santa Claus this weekend.
- This weekend is Christmas in Thurmont and I hope to get everyone out for that. For the first time this year we are doing the horse and carriage rides and right now all of our seating's are just about booked for all day Saturday. We do have the 1:30, 2:00 and 2:30 rides, which still have seats available. It looks like it's going to be a beautiful weekend and it'll be a nice ride thru town to see all of the main street businesses and residents and see what is going on at Mechanicstown Square Park with Christmas in Thurmont and of course at evening to see all of the Christmas lights, which as you know we have finished all the decorating now, the downtown

lights are finished as well as the lights in Community Park and we have been getting a lot of nice compliments on that.

- We had hoped that the new traffic lights at the square would be energized and operational tomorrow, however today's rain and tomorrow's forecast for rain has slowed that down. If you do the simple calculations that could mean that Friday they are operational and energized, but we'll have to wait and see how the weather is.

Mayor Pro-tem, Commissioner Buehrer:

- He deferred his comments to Vickie, because he would only be conveying what she told him to convey.

Vickie Grinder:

- This Saturday is Christmas in Thurmont. As a little background, Christmas in Thurmont originated as a part of our Main Street application. We had to have several events that we had successfully completed to even apply for the Main Street under the State of Maryland. So, it's this Saturday, December 3rd beginning at 10 a.m. with the ribbon cutting and after that Santa Claus will arrive on the fire truck. From 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. is the map stamping for adults where you have to go to 26 businesses and get their map stamped and have it back to the Town Square by 3 p.m. Pictures with Santa are from 10:15 – 12:45 & 2 – 3 and from 1 – 2 Santa & Mrs. Claus will be at the library for story time. EPS Productions will be performing throughout the day in their studio and at 4 p.m. the Catocin High School Band will be playing in the PNC parking lot. At 4:30 the lighting of the Thurmont Lions Club Remembrance Tree and at 5 p.m. will be the prize drawings at Hobbs' Hardware, immediately following the prize drawings there will be the tree lighting in Mechanicstown Square. Also as Jim noted 1:30, 2:00 & 2:30 there are still a few seats for the carriage rides. Also the Coat Drive "Share the Warmth", bring a new or slightly used coat to the Thurmont Main Street Center on Saturday between 10 – 4 and on Sunday from 12 – 4, it could be adult or child, please donate some warmth, donate a coat.
- Thanks to everybody that came out and shopped small last Saturday. I talked to a lot of local businesses throughout the Town and they said they had a terrific day, a lot of people came out. So, thanks to all those who supported Small Business Saturday. Remember, we should be supporting them every day.

Commissioner Buehrer said Vickie I want to commend you on the Friday Stroll, it was outstanding. I think it was attended by more people than I recall in the last couple of years. We were blessed with good weather and that always helps us. I think we are supposed to have good weather this Saturday, I just want to remind everybody that this is a family event, so bring your children and your grandchildren and make a day of it. The gifts will be expressed at 5:00 in the parking lot at Hobbs' Hardware.

Public Comments

Dick Lee, 13 Jermae, to start with, when we rode thru town tonight, it's beautiful. The guys did a great job. Secondly, thru Vickie and Jim and a couple other people that are working with some stuff, we've got a new bike maintenance stand at the end of the parking lot at the main Town Park and anybody

that's biking can go in there and use the tools on it for any kind of repairs and it's got an air pump on it now, it's been installed and Butch and the boys, as usual, did a great job on that.

Motion – Commissioner Buehrer said "I'll entertain a motion to adjourn." Commissioner Hamrick said "so moved." Commissioner Hooper seconded the motion. Vote – 4-0-0, motion carried.

Without further discussion the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robin Clem', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robin Clem
Recording Secretary

TOWN OF THURMONT
CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION
November 8, 2016

TIME & PLACE: 7:50 PM. – Mayor James F. Black Meeting Room, Thurmont Municipal Offices

PURPOSE: To discuss personnel

CITATION: General Provisions Article; subsection 3-305(b) (1)

PRESENT: Mayor Kinnaird
Commissioner Buehrer
Commissioner Hamrick
Commissioner Hooper
Commissioner Burns
CAO Humerick
CFO Joyce

At 7:50 PM at the Town of Thurmont Municipal Offices, John A. Kinnaird, Mayor of the Board of Commissioners asked for a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel. Commissioner Burns made the motion to go into closed session and Commissioner Hamrick seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. This action was taken pursuant to the General Provisions Article; subsection 3-305(b) (1)

A general discussion was held regarding employee benefits and compensation.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Private Donations:

Albert Riffle

Nancy & William Rice

Businesses:

Bollingers Restaurant

Brown Jewelers

Catoctin Breeze Vineyard

Catoctin Mountain Tub & Spa

Catoctin Veterinary Clinic

Center of Life Massage Therapists, Teresa Jones, Judi Mach, Toni Phebus, Ashley wivell

Cousins Ace Hardware

Criswell Chevrolet

Cuddles Cat Rescue

Eyler Stables

Gateway Candyland

Gateway Liquors

Gateway Orthodontics

Heart & Hands

Here's Clyde's

Hobbs Hardware

J. Rothrock Outfitters

Legacy Financial

Marty in tu-tu

Mountain Gate Family Restaurant

Real Estate Agent Cindy Grimes of J&B Reality

Shamrock Restaurant

Springfield Winery & Distillery

Stauffers Funeral Home

Thurmont Bar & Grill

Thurmont Kountry Kitchen

Thurmont Senior Center

Thurmont Think Pink 5K

Timeless Trends Boutique

Support:

Coach John Steiner & CYA Cross Country team

Coach John Grim

Town of Thurmont -Entire Staff!

Thurmont Police Department

Thurmont Regional Library