

# Sudlersville Commissioners Meeting Minutes

## December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Commissioner Griffith call the meeting to order at 1830.

Approval of minutes: Commissioner Leonard made a motion to approve, Commissioner Haag seconded, and Commissioner Griffith followed.

All in favor.

	Yes	No	Abstained
Griffith	X		
Leonard	X		
Haag	X		

Commissioner Haag took to the floor to discuss the new cameras that have been installed in the town office. He discussed what their purpose is and how they will be recording video as well as audio for town meetings to make it easier for residents who are unable to attend to watch the meetings.

Linda Habel took to the floor to let the commission as well as the residents know that the website was close to being completely updated.

### REPORTS

*Fire Company-* Eric Crossley took to the floor to let everyone know of the upcoming “Santa Run” and how Facebook will have the route they will be taking. The sheriff's department will also be there for the run.

*Sheriff's Department-* Deputy Madison took to the floor to remind everyone not to speed through town.

(Commissioner Griffith took the floor to add that he is working on a study that is done by State Highway to make East and West Main St. A school zone)

*Library Report-* attached.

*Planning Commission-* Reese took to the floor to let everyone know of their recent pre plot approval for LaCrosse Homes. He discussed getting cannabis regulations/EDUs for future subdivisions to protect the town. It was brought up that if Virginia cannot find the signed document for the cannabis regulations that the town attorney said the old meeting minutes will do fine.

*Code Enforcement:* Virginia Albers took to the floor to say how things have slowed down recently as it has gotten colder, the grass has stopped growing. (Report is attached as well.)

*Maintenance:* No report as they are trying to fill that spot.

*Barclay Extension:* Virginia took to the floor to say the bid will be going out in January. Town Attorney Tom Yeager took to the floor to say that QA County came through with financing getting the town no interest/bond counsel fees, this saves the town money.

Commissioner Griffith took to the floor to say he had reached out to Jack Wilson for bridge financing. He wanted to say a big thanks to him.

*Betterment:* Martha Anthony took the floor to discuss how the Veteran graves in the town's cemetery have all been marked with plaques and flags. There are 182 Veterans currently in the cemetery. The Betterment Club is currently working on finding out the Veterans specific branches as well as other details about them. The SMS (Sudlersville Middle School) Honors Society helped the Betterment Club to put flags out. The Betterment Club will be holding off on doing Wreaths Across America, however we have until January/February to let them know if we want to participate.

Dudley Chapel has issues with its roof. It is understood that it is outside of the town limits, however it has history that is important to the town. Jimmy Fox went to that church, and he is a big name in Sudlersville. The church must have a certain kind of shingle roof due to easements. The project was getting started but then got delayed due to COVID and being short of money.

The Betterment Club ended their report by letting everyone know that the train station museum will be open this upcoming Saturday (10-2) and Sunday (12-2).

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Haag took to the floor to let everyone know he was working on getting estimates to fix up the sidewalks on Maple to hopefully get that project going in the spring.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Griffith took to the floor to discuss how there were still two openings that needed to be filled on the commissioner's board. There are a few different options on how to get these positions filled: filling them both tonight at the meeting or pushing them off for another month. Most everyone seemed to agree to getting them both filled during the current meeting.

Tom Yeager took to the floor to say to fill the first spot you would need two votes (as there are currently three commissioners) then assuming you swear in whoever you vote first you would then need three votes to fill the final spot (as there would be four commissioners after filling on open spot).

Commissioner Haag took the floor to let everyone know that whoever fills the seats need to make sure they are committed to the position.

Commissioner Griffith took to the floor to suggest creating some type of ordinance for people who abandon their post and to make sure those types of things do not happen.

Virginia Albers noted that Ron Ford, Joe Habel, and Billy Faust are eligible for the first open spot on the board.

Dave Ruffner took to the floor to simply say that he believes if the person has codes against them that they should not be eligible to run.

Commissioner Haag made a motion to bring Joe Habel on a commissioner. Commissioner Griffith seconded. Commissioner Leonard abstained.

Motion approved.

	Yes	No	Abstained
Griffith	x		
Leonard			x
Haag	x		

Tom Yeager took the floor to swear in Joe Habel as a commissioner.

Commissioner Griffith took to the floor to ask anyone in the room who would be interested in running for the second position.

E.T. Kimble, Sharon Dilks, Matt Ratliffe, and Brian Johnson expressed interest; they were all given a chance to state why they believe they should fill the last open spot.

*E.T Kimble states:* He has been on both the Planning Commission and the Commission, so he is familiar with the running's of the town. He is also retired and believes he can give it the time.

*Matt Ratliffe states:* He would like to have a chance to serve the town to help improve it. He has a child who goes to school in town.

*Brian Johnson states:* He is new to town, has helped already by plowing snow. He likes how the town is growing and wants to help in that process. He wants to retire here and wants everyone to know that he also does landscaping so he can assist with maintenance.

Commissioner Habel made a motion to bring Brian Johnson on for the final commissioner spot. Commissioner Griffith seconded it, Commissioner Leonard abstained, and Commissioner Haag followed.

Motion Approved.

	Yes	No	Abstained
Griffith	x		
Leonard			x
Haag	x		
Habel	x		

Tom Yeager took the floor to swear in Brian Johnson as a commissioner.

Commissioner Griffith took the floor to discuss getting a finance committee together that the people who wanted to run for commissioner that didn't get motioned in could potentially be on.

Commissioner Griffith also discussed “Light Up Sudlersville” and how they would possibly be getting gift cards from local businesses as prizes. Judging will be on 12/23/2022. There will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes. The awards will be given at the January meeting.

Commissioner Haag called public comment. (Starting with Zoom)

*Pam Price*- Time for judging for Light Up Sudlersville. The drainage on Miller St happens on Main St as well. Leaves on storm drain. A tree on S Church St needs trimming or cutting.

*Sarah Skinner*- Issue w/ bill, didn’t post on time.

*Reese Coleman*- Issue w/ bill, didn’t post on time.

*Brian Tossback*- No.

*Andrea Haag*- No

*Sharon Dilks*- Wanted to give thanks for the hole being filled at the recyclable place.

*Ron Ford*- Lions Club is asking if any commissioners would help pick up luminaries on Christmas morning.

Eric- No.

*Robert Stanton*- Town possibly covering security cameras for residents because of Affinity.

*Matt*- No.

*Angelini*- Big thanks from the fire company.

*Mike*- No.

*Dave Ruffner*- BOA asked them how are we going to know they will only have 8 beds? They didn’t do anything to enforce the 8 beds.

*E.T. Kimble*- Good to see the commissioners’ spots filled.

*Linda Habel*- Website is up to date for all things. Outside their house is puddling quite bad.

*Brenda Schmidt*- Issue w/ Munibilling.

## **END OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

Commissioner Haag took to the floor to wish everyone a happy holiday.

The next meeting will be on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 1830.

Commissioner Griffith made a motion to close the meeting, Commissioner Leonard seconded, the rest followed.

Motion Approved.

	Yes	No	Abstained
Griffith	x		
Leonard	x		
Haag	x		
Habel	x		
Johnson	x		