

JARRETTSVILLE/NORRISVILLE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes: January 12, 2022

Norrisville Library

Executive Board officers present:

Dave Seman, Chairmen

Aimee O'Neill, Board Member

Jackie Smithson, Recording Secretary

Guests:

Billy Boniface, County Executive's Office

Chad Shrodes, County Councilman

Harford County Livestock Skillathon and Dairy Bowl 4-H Team Members

Joe Sliwka, Senator Bob Cassilly's Office

Pat McAllister, Ayres Chapel Blessing Box Pantry

Sue Sapp, County Council President's Office

CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 6:30 pm

Dave Seman

REPORTS FROM AGENCIES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Billy Boniface:

- Update on ThinkBig Networks progress in bringing internet to unconnected roads in the community.
 - o Goal is 500 customers by June 30th
 - o All underserved areas in the county are being evaluated for service
 - o Norrisville area is being serviced first due to their greatest need for service
- County Executive Glassman recently gave his final State of the County Address
- State of the Economy
 - o County is economically sound
 - o 2022 County Executive budget meeting, virtual meeting on January 27th
- Executive Order announced yesterday
 - o Harford County will begin to integrate county staffing to emergency medical support teams
 - o Support will first start in the Bel Air area where volunteers are unable to keep up with the increased volume of calls
 - o New building in North Harford will be complete and staffed this year to provide support to EMS
 - o Harford County will provide up to \$5,000 toward student loan debt for Fire and EMS volunteers

- Dave Seman, What is the county putting in the building across from the Northern Precinct in Jarrettsville?
 - o Building will house The Hub, run by the Office of Economic Development
 - o Aims to help small businesses, 30 workstations, printers, will be a small fee to use
 - o Please contact the Office of Economic Development for details

Sue Sapp;

- Handed out recent Council Meeting Highlights
- If you would like the Council Meeting Highlights emailed to you, please let her know

Chad Shrodes;

- Has been recovering from Achilles Heel surgery
- Aurora has been doing a great job keeping up his office's emails and phone calls

Local 4-H Club:

Harford County Livestock Skillathon and Dairy Bowl 4-H Team

- 4-Hers, Rosalie McGuirk, Virginia Brooks, Everett Brooks and their Leader Tracy Brooks represented the club
- Maryland State Livestock Skillathon Quiz and Dairy Bowl competitions will be held in March
- Competition is similar to It's Academic
- 4-Hers study breeds, medicine, feed + nutrition, wool, tools, etc
- The team thanks guest speakers and demonstrators from our community who have helped the kids
 - o Karen Holloway from The Mill
 - o Vets from Muddy Creek Veterinary Clinic

Speaker:

Aimee O'Neill;

- Tax Information
 - o Tax code has not really changed since Congress has not agreed to any changes yet
 - o In 2020 unemployment was not taxed, in 2021 unemployment will be taxed
 - o In 2020 IRA withdraw penalties were waived, in 2021 they will not be waived
 - o Child tax credits received in July – Dec 2021 will impact your child tax credit on 2021 taxes
 - o You need to know what credits or stimulus's you received in 2021 to complete your taxes
 - o For 2021 you can claim up to \$8,000 in childcare that you could not before
 - o Crypto/ Virtual currency is going to be more strictly tracked for taxing purposes
 - o Meals will be 100% deductible in 2021, prior years they were only 50% deductible
 - o Keep records of any donations to Goodwill or Purple Heart. IRS website has guidelines for how much you can claim from item donations.

Pat McAllister;

- Her mother Lorraine Simon was a member of FISH which provided food to people in Northern Harford County
- Lorraine started, Lorraine's Pantry at Ayres Chapel
 - o Food is given freely, no questions asked
 - o Prior to COVID the pantry was open the first Saturday of every month, now since COVID please call anytime for assistance and someone will meet you.
 - o Blessing Boxes are set out for anyone in need to pick up as well

- Support for the pantry is given by:
 - The Sunflower Field Fund
 - Local Cub and Boy Scouts
 - Community Members
- You can help through monetary or item donations

LOCAL BUSINESS:

Shane Smithson, Pond View Farm;

- Located in Norrisville, 5th generation family farm
- Diversified operations
 - Farm
 - Beef cattle, Poultry, grain, hay
 - 4-H age family members dabble in horses, sheep and pigs
 - Market
 - Our own and local farm products
 - Farm Market is open
 - April – November 7 days a week 8 am – 6 pm
 - December – March Monday – Saturday (Closed Sundays) 8 am – 6 pm
 - Larger market still planned for the corner of Jolly Acres and 23
 - Events
 - Host weddings and events seasonally April - November
 - Catering
 - Provide both onsite and offsite catering services as well as carryout orders

OLD BUSINESS:

Aimee O’Neill;

ThinkBig Networks was unable to attend the meeting. They emailed the following update:

We will not be attending the meeting this week for a couple of reasons but mainly because we have Covid issues with our staff and we are not able to do any in-person meetings at the moment. As to an update:

1. We have brought online our first cluster of customers in the Norrisville area. I believe we have over 50 customers on line now, and we are adding to that total every week. Our customer reviews have been fantastic and we are so happy to be of service to this wonderful community.
2. We have partnered with Harford County on a number of Neighborhood Connect Grants to increase the reach of our fiber optic network in the Norrisville area. Those grants were submitted in early December and we should hear back on them by March. Those grants include these roads:

Amos Urey Road

Channel Road

Green Road

Jolly Acres Road

Long Corner Road (North)

Onion Road (Extension)

Telegraph Road

(Images of these areas are attached below). If you are a resident on any of these roads, we (Harford County and ThinkBig) may be reaching out for easement access to bury our fiber along the side of the road if that type of right of way easement is currently missing.

3. We are also planning on submitting an additional Infrastructure Grant this Friday for areas around Ady Road and for the Northeast portion of Harford County where there are large clusters of homes that lack adequate broadband access.

Thanks for the opportunity to update your group, and please keep us on the agenda for the next meeting when we hope to be able to come present our next update in person.

Mark Wagner

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NEW BUSINESS:

Dave Semen:

- Please see our schedule for upcoming meetings and topics

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

- Minutes from our last meeting were approved by the Executive Board members.
- Our past meeting minutes can be viewed on the County website at, <http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/1634/Jarrettsville-Norrisville>
- We also email minutes to our email list. Please let us know if you would like your email added to our mailing list.

DAC and Parks & Rec Report:

Aimee O'Neill;

- DAC
 - o No upcoming DAC relevant to our area
- Parks & Rec
 - o Billy Boniface
 - The County anticipates funding to be available for the Jarrettsville Rec building this year
 - Attempting to incorporate the current barn into a gymnasium that is needed in our area
 - o Norrisville Rec Council salt dome construction
 - o No new information at this time

UPCOMING MEETING DATES and LOCATIONS:

- Meeting cancellations due to inclement weather coincide with school closings
- 2022
 - o February 9 - Norrisville Library
 - o March 9 - Norrisville Library
 - o April 27, 5 – 11 pm Jarrettsville Gardens
 - o May 11 – Jarrettsville Library
 - o June/ July/ August- No Meetings
 - o September 14 - Jarrettsville Library
 - o October 12 - Jarrettsville Library

- November 9 - Jarrettsville Library
- December 14 - Jarrettsville Library

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried; the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Jackie Smithson