

*Announcements:* Council thanks an anonymous benefactor for the fruit plate served during the meeting.

**Highlights:** Council to send letter to the Kanawha County Commission encouraging them to give the larger call volume Volunteer Fire Departments more weight when it comes to distribution of funds.

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**September 9, 2013**

**Greater Sissonville Development Council Minutes**

Sissonville Public Library

Meeting started: 5:06 pm

The meeting was called to order by *President Johnnie Brown* who presided.

*Voting Members Attending:* Johnnie Brown, President, Dana Ferrell, Vice President, Tom Crouser, Secretary, Danny Bragg, Tom Miller, Steve Poyet, Jason Fields, Dr. David Santrock and Earl Scyoc

*Guests:* Kanawha County Engineer John Luoni, State Senator Erik Wells, Delegate Ron Walters as well as Karena Rader of the Sissonville Town and Country Newspaper

**Approval of Minutes:** Copies of August 12, 2013 meetings were previously distributed to all via email. Printed copies were also available to all at this meeting.

*Correction to the August minutes, John Luoni's name was incorrectly reported as Joe Luoni. The minutes were changed to reflect the change.*

*Tom Miller* moved to accept the minutes without reading. Motion seconded by *Dr. David Santrock*. Vote to accept the minutes without reading was unanimous.

*Topics discussed:*

## 1. **Millertown and DOH Maintenance:**

President Brown had conversations with Michael Welch and Mr. Hamrick regarding Millertown DOH Maintenance issues and both gave him updates. Crews are working their way down WV 21 with an end loader to clear out the drainage. They reported Millertown cleanup should be done within 30-60 days. They are also short on staff by 8 people currently.

## 2. **Stop light at Call Road and WV21**

*Dana Ferrell* provided update regarding stop light intersection of Call Road and WV21. Said it is on the schedule for completion according to DOH representative David Bodner. Will revisit topic again next meeting.

2. **Library Excess Levy:** **Pat Abbott** of the Sissonville Public Library left a handout for the council regarding Frequently Asked Questions about the excess levy. Copies are available in the Sissonville Public Library
3. **Sign committee:** Has not yet met, but *Tom Miller* reported he corresponded with DOH regarding the Interstate exit signage and that the cost of major signs at exits were about \$14,000 each. *Dana Ferrell* reported that he had a conversation with DOH and that minor signage was probable such as at Call Road and WV21.
4. **Elk Hills Bridge to Coonskin:** It was noted that funding for the Elk Hills bridge to serve as an entrance to Coonskin had been secured.
5. **Signage and advertising renewals** – As of this meeting, Westbanco, Lisa Tyree Godwin Insurance and Poca Valley Bank have agreed to renew their advertising support in the amount of \$300 for the sign at the Tupper Creek exit off Interstate 77 (exit 111) for a two year period. Vice President Dana Ferrell and Treasurer Chad Holland will continue to contact others involved and report at the next meeting.
6. **Sissonville Multipurpose Center Association** – Delegate Ron Walters reported that a new 501(c)3 has been created Sissonville Multipurpose Center Association (Aldersgate Activity Center). Also has a certificate for a generator at *Flinn Elementary* in the amount of \$4,000. Letter has gone to the Ron Duerring, Kanawha County Schools Superintendent.
7. **Senator Erik Wells** – noted that a huge budget crisis faced the state over the next several years and that he requested the public to help keep them (legislators) informed as to impacts in the community.
8. **Interstate 77 Construction Zone:** *Tom Miller* reported that he received a call regarding the current construction project on Interstate, specifically lane shift requirements. It appears one of the media outlets is investigating the high rate of accidents in the lane change area on Interstate 77 near the Tupper Creek Exit. He said it appeared the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control is not apparently being followed as to the distance allowed for lane changes.
9. **Sissonville Volunteer Fire Department:** *Tom Miller* also reported that he had a September 16 meeting with C.W. Sigman, Fire Coordinator and Deputy Emergency Manager of the Kanawha County Commission. He indicated that if the department recruited more members, they might not be able to afford insurance as the number of calls responded to equates to the amount of risk exposure to their insurance companies. Last year the department answered over 600 calls and this year is projecting to more than that amount. This will necessitate the department review the type of calls they are responding to and perhaps limit some non-emergency calls to help hold down the insurance costs.

10. **Distribution of Kanawha Funds to Volunteer Fire Departments:** a discussion was held on the disbursal of funds to various county volunteer fire departments. Currently all fire departments receive the same amount regardless of the territory they cover or the number of times they respond to calls. The Sissonville Volunteer Fire Department is one of the larger ones in the county along with Teays Valley and Pinch.

**Motion:** *President Miller* moved to send an official letter to the county commission encouraging them to give the larger call volume departments more weight when it comes to distribution of funds. *Dr. Dave Stanford* seconded. Unanimously passed.

11. The Community Multipurpose Center at Aldersgate United Methodist Church will hold a **Turkey Dinner on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 3 pm through 7 pm. All are invited.

12. Fall 2013 County Clean Up Scheduled for Sissonville on Saturday, September 21, 2013 from 8 am to 4 pm. Location on Call Road beside the new Sissonville VFD.

There being no other discussion, *Tom Miller* moved to end the meeting, *Steve Poyet* seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 6:12 pm

*Next Scheduled Meeting of GSDC: Monday, October 14, 2013 at 5 pm* in the Sissonville Public Library.