

**Town of Montreat
Board of Commissioners
Public Forum Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.
Town Hall & Zoom**

Board members present: Mayor Tim Helms
Mayor Pro Tem Kent Otto
Commissioner Kitty Fouche
Commissioner Alice Lentz
Commissioner Tom Widmer
Commissioner Jane Alexander

Board members absent: None

Town staff present: Alex Carmichael, Town Administrator
Angie Murphy, Town Clerk
David Arrant, Chief of Police

Six members of the public were present. Mayor Helms called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and led the group in a moment of silence.

Agenda Approval

Commissioner Lentz moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Fouche seconded and the motion carried 5/0.

Public Forum

Ms. Sarah “Sally” Stansill of 141 Holston Lane reviewed a petition that she and 14 other Montreators had signed. The petition covered three requests: landscaping for the hill by the Gate parking lot leading up to Kanawha Dr, establishment of no-parking with the addition of noise control signage at the Gate parking lot, and enforcement of the speed limit and noise ordinance by the Montreat Police Department. Ms. Stansill also expressed her thanks for the “no-parking” signs that were put up by Public Work crews earlier that day.

Mr. Bill Roberts of 155 Woodland Road read a letter that he had written which outlined a series of noise complaint incidents that have been occurring behind his house. The house in question is rented by Montreat College students. Mr. Roberts reviewed the noise issues he encountered, the actions he has taken and his frustrations about resolution. Mr. Roberts requested more attention by the Montreat Police Department to this matter as well as a review of the noise ordinance.

Mrs. Mary Standaert of 118 Shenandoah Terrace expressed her frustrations with regards to being unable to sign into the Zoom broadcast of the meeting. Mayor Helms advised Mrs. Standaert that there was a problem with the internet service that did not become apparent until the meeting was

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getting ready to begin. Mrs. Standaert felt that an email should have gone out to make the public aware of this turn of events. Mayor Helms expressed his apologies to Mrs. Standaert.

Adjournment

Commissioner Lentz moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Alexander seconded and the motion carried 5/0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Tim Helms, Mayor

Angie Murphy, Town Clerk