

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MARCH 3, 2016
2:00 P.M.

The following persons were present for the meeting: Chairman James Decker, Sr., Committee members Ron Enyeart and Nicole Houck; Councilmembers President David Quarry, Scott Shaffer, Donna Isenberg, Mayor DeeDee Brown, Assistant Borough Secretary Melody J. Parsons and Borough Manager William W. Wheeler.

VISITORS: SEE ATTACHED SIGN IN SHEET.

Chairman Decker called the meeting to order.

RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

Beverly Green from Penelec was present to discuss LED lighting utilizing the existing telephone poles.

Rachael Hsiung a resident of Shadyside was present to speak to Council about the storage building that the Salvation Army plans to build. Manager Wheeler stated that the Salvation Army will have to go through the zoning procedure and according to that procedure the neighbors will be notified and a public hearing will take place so that neighboring residents can express their thoughts.

Rachel Payne was present to update Council on the “Walk Huntingdon” project.

GRANT ADMINISTRATORS’ REPORT STATUS & REPORT: Manager Wheeler reported that he emailed David Jordon about the missing 2004 surveys. He is waiting on a response.

Maureen Safko reported the county has put the prior years agreement on hold. There cannot be any progress until the surveys are found. Ms. Safko presented a monthly report to council. Ms. Safko will contact Beverly Green to clean up some questions from the grant side of the LED lighting.

Ms. Safko was also present to request a letter of support for the Courthouse tower upgrade project. Manager Wheeler will get the letter out to her.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Brown reported there was a meeting the night before to begin discussions on the 250 celebration. The next meeting is March 17th at 6:00 pm at the Historical Society.

Mayor Brown also reported that the next Boomtown meeting is scheduled for the 1st Monday of the April at 6:00 pm

She asked Councilperson Decker to pick people involved in the Boomtown group to participate on the committees for the Community Engagement for Strategic Planning.

OPEN ISSUES:

UPDATE ON LANDLORD RENTAL FORMS/ORDINANCE: Melody reported that she has received a lot of responses. She has begin to enter the information on spread sheet. She has received 626 which 70 of which were landlords that had not returned one previously.

14TH STREET SHEETZ STATUS: Manager Wheeler stated that Sheetz is still working on phase 1. They plan to close the store May 2nd. They plan to be operational by late August.

JUNIATA COLLEGE-STORM WATER CONTROL MEETING-STATUS:

Manager Wheeler reported that the the Borough Planning Commission has approved the development plans as long as the conditions set by the Huntingdon Planning Commission are met.

JUNIATA COLLEGE-COLD SPRINGS MOORE STREET PROJECT:

SOCIAL MEDIA: Manager Wheeler reported that the new website is in progress and they plan to be up and running by April 1st.

BOROUGH PHONE SERVICE: Manager Wheeler stated that Seth has given him a final estimate and it will be \$14,065.00. He stated he does not have to do bids for phone services.

The Rental Ordinance will be the discussion at the “Fact Finding Session” this month. Councilperson Decker asked if Solicitor Wilson got back to us with the change in the language for the zoning of group homes.

Manager Wheeler stated that they have received a cost from Judy Chambers to hire for consultation regarding a new strategic plan for Huntingdon. The cost is \$5000.00.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairperson Decker asked if Council was interested in looking at purchasing 614 Washington Street to move the borough offices to. He felt it would be more convenient for people paying bills.

Chairperson Decker stated that he would like to challenge the official action taken regarding the salaries increases for the Supervisors. On February 26, 2016 The Borough Manager was directed by the President to issues salary checks to individuals whose specific increase weren't discussed and acted upon by the Council in the proper manner. He will be exploring various agencies for possible violation. He will be requesting the Borough Solicitor to investigate this matter.

ADJOURNMENT:

FINAL DRAFT

BY: Melody J. Parsons
Assistant Borough Secretary