

Huntingdon Borough Community Development Meeting

Thursday, November 1, 2018

The meeting of the Community Development Meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chairman Johnathan Hyde.

Members present were Chairman Johnathan Hyde, Vice-President Sean Steeg, Councilman David Quarry, Councilman James Bair Jr., Councilman Terry Green, Mayor David Wessels (5:30 PM) Borough Manager Daniel Varner and Borough Secretary Richard King.

Guest present were Dan Beyer (The EADS Group), Bob Reitman (HCBI), Chad Evans (Westminister Woods), Tony Fruchtl (PennTerra Engineering), Mark Colussy (Huntingdon County Planning), Anthony Bullett, Jean R Collins and Lisa McDaniels.

- Chad Evans and Tony Fruchtl were here for Westminister Woods. They are planning on building a 48 unit apartment complex. This will be 4 stories high. They had plans that were shown and approved by the planning commission years ago, variance was approved and now they are ready to start. For them to process the loan application from PFHA, which is due by November 16, 2018 that they will need a letter from the Borough saying that Huntingdon Borough gives them permission to proceed for the loan. Chad Evans said that there will be 2 Stormwater basins and no wetlands will be touched. Dan Varner asked about how many EDU's this would create and Chad said about 30. Once the loan is approved they will submit the plans for all required reviews in May of 2019 and with the hopes of Construction in 2020.

Community Development Committee recommends that Code Enforcement Officer Jim Morris proceed on writing the letter of approval.

- Dan Beyer and Bob Reitman were here to discuss the LED Grant and downtown possibilities. Bob Reitman said the grant would only fund \$25,000.00 and they would have to finance a loan and this is not what they were looking at. It was mentioned about illuminating walking paths from Juniata to Detwiler Field and this would cost \$15 – \$20 Million for doing all the street. They mentioned about a multimodal where PennDOT would be 70% of this and a match of 30% and this could be \$100,000 to \$3 Million. They mentioned about a PennDOT transportation grant which would cover 100% but we would have to pay for the surveying and design cost. Johnathan Hyde asked how much it would cost for just Juniata College and Bob said that this would be 10% – 15% of the grant.
- James Bair, Jr., asked Mark Colussy about why we are having so much problems with CDBG and Mark said that the borough makes too much money. James Bair said that we need to get together in January or February and talk about what we want to do for CDBG.
- Dan Varner said that he requested a quote from Window World for windows and doors for the Senior Citizens Building. They had sent a quote and Dan called and said that he

needed the PA Prevailing Wages and they said they have no employees but contract the work out. Dan then said he contacted Cisney & O'Donnell and they submitted a quote.

- James Bair, Jr. asked Mark Colussy to talk about blight properties.
- Mark Colussy then spoke on a Mainstreet Manager and Façade Grants.
- Dan Varner mentioned that he had placed an ad in the Daily Newspaper for proposals for engineering firm on curb cuts and sidewalks.
- Dan Varner mentioned that Adam Miller has a letter typed up to send on Microloan funding.

Mayor Wessels Report.

- David Wessels said that he has spoken with Deb Higgins on Tuesday. Dave said that from 8th to 7th on Washington will be closed on November 30, 2018. He said the Christmas tree will be placed at the old C H Millers building. He has high school students coming in to paint the windows. He said they will be caroling down the street. He said the theme will be a story. He mentioned that there will be 2 vendors present and at Sweet Heart Confection Santa will be there. He said there will be carriage rides.
- David Wessels said that he has been in touch with Jesse Morgan of the Huntingdon Fire Department and they are looking at the Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting will coincide with each other next year.

Open Issues.

- Dan Varner mentioned that we will have 4 resolutions to adopt at Council Meeting dealing with CDBG funds.
- There was a very lengthy discussion on the non-discrimination ordinance.
 - a) Sean Steeg had questions on if a Right to Know request came in. This will be confidential and to not mention any names.
 - b) Dan Varner had some concerns and spoke on wording of Human Relations Commission, CDBG and HUD where it states no discrimination. If we pass this ordinance then it will be a criminal law and there is a legal side of this and this would need advertised.
 - c) Mayor David Wessels spoke on how you would do a claim and where does the burden of proof come.
 - d) Mayor David Wessels asked how you would process a claim. The group from Diversity Huntingdon said that when a claim comes in that it be evaluated and kept confidential.

- e) It was asked of the Diversity Huntingdon Group if they have a budget figure from any of the municipalities that have this ordinance. They do not. It was also asked where the funding resources would come from for this commission.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Minutes Submitted,

Richard S. King
Borough Secretary