

Huntingdon Borough Community Development Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 4, 2019

The Community Development Committee meeting was open in due form by Chairman Johnathan Hyde at 5:03 PM in the Borough Conference Room.

Committee members present were Councilman David Quarry and Councilman Sean Steeg.

Members present were Councilman Robert Jackson, Councilman James Bair, Councilman Terry Green, Mayor David Wessels, Assistant Borough Manager Chris Stevens, Borough Manager Daniel Varner and Borough Secretary Richard King.

Guest present were Linda Dearthmitt.

Chairman Johnathan Hyde recognized the guest and asked for their comments.

- Linda Dearthmitt said that the signs that goes over the roads, need to be put up for Mayfest.
- Linda Dearthmitt said that she needs to get with Chief Buckley to see if his officers could police the areas.
- Linda Dearthmitt said that at 5th and Washington Street church parking lot, they will not be allowed to park. She said the church will be having a yard sale, food, and flowers to sell.

Chairman Johnathan Hyde then proceeded to the Mayor's report.

- Mayor David Wessels said the he has received an email confirming that the 5K events has been cancelled.
- Mayor David Wessels said that he has some people that needs to do community service work and he will have them sweep the sidewalks before Mayfest.
- Mayor David Wessels wanted to know when the next session was for the LBQ Ordinance and it was mentioned it will be held in May.
- James Bair said that the community service people could also water the flowers.
- Dan Varner said that if Pam Grugan wants to give up the bloomtown projects, then he has some people that will take this over.
- Dan Varner spoke on the conference call with Kimberly Polm. He mentioned that this call lasted about an hour and a half (1 ½). The following topics were discussed

- A. Revision to be made to move \$47,044.00 from CDBG Grant 2015 Sidewalks activity #48286 and put into the CDBG Grant 2015 Curb cuts activity #48287 for a total of \$87,044.00.

The Community Development Committee recommends a motion to authorize the revision to move \$47,044.00 from CDBG 2015 Grant sidewalks activity #48286 to be put into 2015 CDBG Grant Curb cuts activity #48287 for a total of \$87,044.00.

- B. Spoke on the High School Area and there are no curb cuts there for wheelchairs. We can do this.
- C. Dan said for the sidewalks we would have to identify LMC, verify the income, have contractors preapproved and have an Environmental Review.
- D. CDBG 2016 year, move money into next year for sidewalks.
- E. Need to review the agreement with Huntingdon County and the borough.
- F. HUD rule for elderly is 62 and older but elderly local definition Kimberly said the local definition is the State. Our request to use CDBG funds to put energy efficient windows and doors in the Standing Stone Senior Citizens has been denied because you can join at age 50.
- G. CDBG 2017 we have sidewalks and Habitat for Humanity. This will need to be spent by 2021.
- H. Dan spoke on the ADA handicap boat ramp. Kimberly said to call Mifflin County, that they were just approved for this.

- Dan Varner stated that we will have a public hearing on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 4:00 PM to offer suggestions on the 2019 CDBG funds.
- Dan Varner said that the 2nd public hearing, we will tell them what we are going to do with the 2019 CDBG funds.
- Dan Varner talked about Liquor Licenses and said that the Weis Store is planning to use theirs.
- Dan Varner said that the Stone Town Gallery, 511 Washington Street has put in a new application to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board for a liquor license.
- Dan Varner said that Mel's Concrete has finished 3 curb cuts and request payment of \$12,850.00. He said that we have been approved to withdraw the funds but have not received them yet. The committee recommends to pay him.
- Dan Varner said that the Housing Authority has hired Southern Contractors to do the sidewalk at De Forrest Apartments along 9th Street and not on Mifflin Street.
- Dan Varner reported that Mutual Benefit wants to tear down the Carriage House. He said that this is in a Historical district. Dan told them that council would have to approve any request to tear it down.
- Dan Varner said that he had a call from the farmers market wanting to use Portstown Park on Thursdays from May 2nd thru October 31st.

The Community Development Committee recommends a motion to approve the farmers market to use Portstown Park on Thursdays from May 2nd thru October 31st.

- Dan Varner said that Cleanup Days is this weekend and pickup is next week. He said that he told Brad to pull the metals and if any good wood to pull these to help keep the cost down.
- Dan Varner mentioned that we are getting calls in the borough office about opening the yard waste. He asked the committee if it was ok to open it on Saturdays for 3 or 4 weeks from 8:00 AM – till 12:00 Noon for borough residents only. The committee agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

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