

## Huntingdon Borough Community Development Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 7, 2019

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

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

Members present were Councilman James Bair, Councilman Terry Green, Councilman Robert Jackson, 911 Director Chris Stevens, Borough Manager Daniel Varner and Borough Secretary Richard King.

Guest present were Dave Peoples, George Drobnock and Mel Woomer.

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

Dave Peoples talked on the following and asked for any help with ideas.

- The movie theaters are having a rough time right now.
- Talked about Universal, Netflix, Amazon and Disney are fighting among themselves and wanting to do away with movie theaters. He said they want to go to streaming on computers.
- Dave said that he is asking for help on any ideas that could be given to help. Dave said right now on Monday's he has a \$5.00 matinee for mothers and grandmothers and children under a certain age are free. He said that he is doing throwback Thursdays also.
- Dave thought of even have a wine night.
- Lost the high school kids due to sporting events.
- To have an auction of where businesses sponsor the event of showing old movies and to advertise with their name.
- Jim Bair asked if the stage was still in Unit 2 and would it be ok to have bands. Dave said that there are some already that would do this.
- Dave said that if they pass the minimum wage that this would definitely hurt him.
- Spoke on the Digital projectors and LED screens and the price of these.
- Dave said that he was having a Juniata College late night starting at 11:30 PM and asked if the Police Department would not ticket until after this event was over. Dave said that the movie was 124 minutes long. Chris Stevens is to notify the Police Department to not ticket until after the event.

Dave Peoples left at 5:20 PM.

Chairman Johnathan Hyde then proceeded to the CDBG Curb-cut bids.

George Drobnock spoke on the amount of money that we had for this and what the estimated amount for engineering was and the remainder would be for construction.

There were 2 bids received and they were from Mel's Concrete and J. Porter Enterprise. Swanger Enterprise did not submit a bid.

There were a total of 16 curb cuts that were bid on separately.

The total bid amount for the CDBG Curb cut project for Mel's Concrete is \$51,440.00 and for J. Porter Enterprise \$66,700.00.

The bids are subject to review by the Borough Engineer, Borough Solicitor and the Grants Administrator.

Nicole Houck arrived at 5:30 PM.

Dan Varner said that we can remove the 4<sup>th</sup> and Mifflin Street Curb cuts due to the 4<sup>th</sup> Street project.

Dan told George Drobnock that he will have to go back out and find some more curb cuts due to all of the grant money must be spent.

Dan said that he has called Kimberly Polm and was asking her questions and all she kept telling him was to look at the Federal Regulations numbers, Code numbers and PA Guide lines.

The Community Development Committee Meeting was put on hold at 5:44 PM.

Special Council Meeting was called at 5:45 PM.

The Community Development Committee Meeting reconvened at 5:47 PM.

A request was made by Ricki's Wheels to put signs up on 14<sup>th</sup> & Mifflin pointing towards their business on 14<sup>th</sup> & Penn Street. Ricki's Wheels will be purchasing their own signs.

The Community Development Committee agreed to allow Ricki's Wheels to put up signs.

Pam Grugan spoke on the following:

- Project Bloomtown
- Dee Dee Brown and the Committee has done fundraisers to obtain 2 years of flowers.
- There is enough funds in the account to purchase flowers this year.
- Pam expressed that this takes a lot of time and the flowers need watered every day.
- Pam said that they will start in June watering and that she cannot do this on her own.
- Has asked Darrel Hooper to help this year and he has not committed his time and effort.
- Didn't know if they could pay someone to do this job.
- She is expected to order the flowers by the end of the month.

Nicole Houck asked Pam if she has talked to anyone from Skills, and Pam said no. Pam said that she has talked to Center for Community Action.

Ed Toss arrived at 5:55 PM.

Dan Varner said that he had a conversation with Dee Dee Brown about when Bob Geissinger puts the flags out, can you use every other meter post. Pam said that she did go to Dee Dee and Dee Dee said that she would talk to Bob Geissinger. It was mentioned that Bob Geissinger put the flags on all the meter post on Washington Street.

Dan asked Pam if she has talked to the Garden Club and Church Youth Groups and she said no.

Nicole Houck asked if she has contacted United Way. She said no. Nicole is going to contact Kathy Armillei and asked her about this.

James Bair asked if you can place the flags and baskets on the same post. Pam said that there are 2 issues with this and one is you will need something to stand on to water the flowers and the second would be you would need more brackets.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

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