**Huntingdon Borough Community Development Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, September 3, 2020**

The Huntingdon Borough Community Development Committee meeting was held in the Borough Council Room, 530 Washington Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652.

Committee members present were Johnathan Hyde and Sean Steeg.

Members present were President Johnathan Hyde, Vice-President Sean Steeg, Councilman David Fortson, Councilman James Bair, Mayor David Wessels, Borough Manager Chris Stevens and Borough Secretary Richard King.

Guest present was Stacia-Fe Gillen, Huntingdon County Planning Department.

President Johnathan Hyde called the Community Development Committee meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

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

Stacia-Fe Gillen talked about the CDBG application that is due October 28, 2020 and said that the 2020 CDBG fund was partially put on the town clock in the amount of $22,048.00, which leaves a balance of $79,836.00 left that we need to decide on what we want to do with it.

Stacia-Fe Gillen said that we would need to have public hearings and to have a resolution approved.

Chris Stevens said we wanted to do the 6th Street parking lot and put lights up.

Stacia-Fe Gillen said that we would need 51% of low to moderate income residents.

Chris Stevens said that we had done the 7th Street parking lot and this was approved.

Jim Bair said this was approved in 2012 or 2013 year.

Sean Steeg said that we have the residents from Blair House and all the apartments on Washington Street.

Chris Stevens said that activities we want to do are lighting, beautification of the lot with benches and trees.

Chris Stevens said that we will be paving half of the parking lot and UGI will be paying for the other half.

Chris Stevens said there are significant storm drains in the parking lots

Stacia-Fe Gillen asked what if they say no.

Chris Stevens asked how many sidewalks will we be doing.

Stacia-Fe Gillen said we have twelve applications and the borough will have money left over from the 2016 CDBG. Stacia-Fe said we have until March 15, 2020 to spend this money.

Stacia-Fe Gillen said we have rehab money going to 2018 CDBG and the borough has $96,000.00 plus for this.

Sean Steeg asked if they say no, can we put this to the Center for Community Action to help with what they are doing and extend the life of this. This would be the CDBG-COVID money.

Joe Thompson arrived at 5:20 PM.

Chris Stevens asked about doing a door to door survey.

Stacia-Fe Gillen said that she would need to be involved in this.

Chris Stevens said we would look at doing the 6th Street parking lot first and if not, we would go with the Center for Community Action.

Stacia-Fe Gillen said that we would need to approve a resolution.

Stacia-Fe Gillen talked about the 2017 CDBG money going to Habitat for Humanity.

Chris Stevens said that we had agreed to move this money when Kimberly Polm was here.

There was a discussion on purchasing 504 16th Street property and give to Habitat for Humanity.

President Johnathan Hyde proceeded to the Borough Managers and Grants Administrators report.

Chris Stevens said the CDBG-CV Cares Act has been taken care of. Chris said the second public hearing was held.

Chris Stevens said he has several resolutions and an application that will need signed and they are:

Resolution No 2020-10 Section 3 plan.

Resolution No 2020-11 Statement of Goals National Program for Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises Executive Order 11625.

Resolution No 2020-12 Fair Housing.

General Application Certification.

**The Community Development Committee recommends a motion to approve and sign Resolution No 2020-10 Section 3 Plan; Resolution No 2020-11 Statement of Goals National Program for Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises Executive Order 11625; Resolution No 2020-12 Fair Housing and the General Application Certification.**

Chris Stevens presented everyone with a copy of 3 solar street lights to see which one everyone liked. Chris said these will be placed starting on Moore Street at 17th Street and going down to 14th Street, over to Washington Street and down as far as we can go.

Chris Stevens said that going below 14th Street on Moore Street would not work due to trees and not enough sun.

Chris Stevens said there will be an engineer study to see if a block needs two lights or three lights placed on it.

The committee picked solar street light no. 3 at a cost of $6,465.00 each.

Chris Stevens said we have received $10,000.00 from Marcellus Shale Act 13 money that the county approved. Chris said this will be used for Bryan Park on Washington Street.

Chris Stevens said the bid for the City League Ballfield improvement project did not include the fencing in the bid so we will need to bid this out.

President Johnathan Hyde proceeded to the Mayors report.

Mayor David Wessels said he is still waiting to hear from Corporate Headquarter of the Weis Store about donating to the basketball court at Weaver Park.

Mayor David Wessels said he was contacted from a group about having a presidential parade.

The committee said that since we have cancelled other parades that we will not allow this.

Someone asked for a clarification of eviction that the President of the United States signed.

It was mentioned that this was for rent only and no utilities.

Joe Thompson said that this halts evictions to the end of the year.

President Johnathan Hyde proceeded to old business.

There was nothing reported under old business.

President Johnathan Hyde proceeded to new business.

Joe Thompson spoke about the radio station announcing items of importance and emergencies. Joe thanked the borough and Juniata College for their cooperation on this.

Joe Thompson said the station is 1620 AM and the equipment at the borough building allows him to do announcements and local information to about 10th or 11th Street. Joe said that broadcasting from Juniata College will get the information uptown.

Joe Thompson said he has joined up with a radio host that will place the announcement for nothing.

Mayor David Wessels asked would this reach low to moderate income residents and the answer was yes. It was mentioned to see if we can use CDBG money for this.

Joe Thompson said he would like to form a nonprofit group and be able to accept donations. Joe said he is working with Center for Community Action on this.

Joe Thompson said that he would like to see the radio host that he has contacted be paid a small fee of $50.00 to $100.00 per month until we get ours up and running.

Johnathan Hyde said that COG had their meeting and they have agreed to re up with Comcast and the rates will be the same as before. Johnathan said they are bringing back channel 12 and channel 17.

Johnathan Hyde said that Comcast wanted a 10-year contract and David Quarry wanted a 5-year contract. Johnathan said they will start negotiating 3-years in advance.

Johnathan Hyde said the Pride Telethon will start on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 4:00 PM.

The Community Development Committee meeting was adjourned at 5:04 PM.

Minutes submitted by,  
  
  
  
Richard S. King  
Borough Secretary