**Huntingdon Borough Community Development Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, October 1, 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 Chairman David Quarry, Johnathan Hyde and Sean Steeg.

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

There were no guest present for this meeting.

Chairman David Quarry called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Chairman David Quarry proceeded to the Grants Administrators report and Borough Managers report.

Chris Stevens said we had a CDBG pre-bid sidewalk meeting on Monday, September 28, 2020.

Chris Stevens said that he has ordered tree grates and said there were 9 sidewalks that had trees on them.

Chris Stevens said we had a CDBG agreement with the county and we will be getting around 18% of the 18% Administrative money.

Chris Stevens said we have received $31,900 grant from the Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission (SAP&DC) for the Huntingdon Borough Soft Launch Project.

Chris Stevens said we will have an in-kind match from the Maintenance Department preparing and working on the Soft Launch Project.

Chris Stevens said that we will need to get the permits before we start this project.

Chris Stevens said the Blair field City League Ballfield project has started and they had a dozer in and done the leveling. Chris said they will be bringing in the turf next week and will be done by Saturday of that week. Chris said the school district will be watering the field.

Chris Stevens said that since the City League Ballfield project did not include in the bidding application, that we will need to bid out the fencing. Chris said that per DEP, we will be allowed to replace 470 feet of fence.

Chris Stevens said that the grant for the walkway between Portstown Park and the Dog Park has been submitted.

Chris Stevens said on the Solar Street Lights we are waiting on EAD’s group.

Sean Steeg asked when do we think we will hear back from the EAD’s group.

Chris Stevens said we should hear any day.

Chris Stevens said COSTARS has these on stock.

Chris Stevens reported that we will be starting the Washington Street Park in the spring.

Jim Bair asked about the Micro-Enterprise Loan program.

Chris Stevens said that we should be hearing soon from DCED.

Mayor David Wessels phoned in at 5:16 PM.

Chairman David Quarry proceeded to the Mayor’s report.

Mayor David Wessels said the video series is down to about a week and will be doing this series on the holiday’s.

Mayor David Wessels said the next series he will be doing will be on the 4th Street CSO project.

Sean Steeg said that this will not be starting now until spring.

Mayor David Wessels said he is still working on the mass text messaging to inform the residents of events that is happening. Mayor spoke on the fees that will be involved with this.

Chris Stevens asked the Mayor if he has found a Christmas Tree yet?

Mayor David Wessels said that there was a backup tree from JB Tree Farm last year.

Mayor David Wessels asked if we have decided for a permanent spot at Bryan Park.

Chris Stevens said to get a hold of the Tree Commission and let them decide.

Mayor David Wessels said he had his intern checking with the Weis Market on their final donation amount for the basketball court and headquarters has not given an amount yet.

Mayor David Wessels spoke on the tree lighting and said that he would like to advertise Light up Huntingdon where residents will do their decorations. Mayor said that he could possibly get a $1,000.00 donation for prizes and have 5 categories. Mayor said this contest will run from Black Friday thru December 3, 2020.

Mayor David Wessels said that the winners will be announced at the Tree Lighting and this will be live streamed.

Mayor David Wessels said that the High School Band and Dance will be by videos and added to the live stream.

Jim Bair asked what the date and time is for the tree lighting?

Mayor David Wessels said this will be held on Friday, December 4, 2020 and will start at 6:00 PM with the live stream and entertainment and light the tree at 7:00 PM. Mayor said there will be food vendors in the area.

Chairman David Quarry proceeded to Old Business.

There was nothing reported under Old Business.

Chairman David Quarry proceeded to New Business.

Chris Stevens said he had started the LED street light replacement in July when he found information from Beverly Green. Chris mentioned that amount of lights and the watts they had.

Chris Stevens said that if a light is 20 years old, that Penelec will replace free of charge, but said there is a basic leasing feature.

Chris Stevens asked what we need to decide is what watt we would want in these.

Chris Stevens said that anything new on the street light agreement must be LED. Chris said that we can replace 24 street lights a year.

There was a discussion on where to change the street lights to LED.

Sean Steeg said that we can go a long way uptown.

David Quarry said that we can improve the downtown area to get more business’s in.

David Fortson said that we can do the downtown area, but the residents that voted us in need this. David said a lot of people walk at night.

David Fortson asked if we are sure of this.

Chris Stevens said yes. Chris said that we have a $7,000.00 grant and we will buy the bulbs and place them.

David Quarry asked about the brick sidewalk inlays downtown.

Chris Stevens said that Adam Miller is looking at different funding.

Chris Stevens said we need to look at the ordinance and make changes. Chris said the technology was not there years ago for stamped and stained cement.

David Quarry asked about decorating Portstown Park.

It was mentioned this was done last year and would like to see more.

David Fortson said that people not having anything to do use the parks.

Jim Bair said that he would like to see decorations at the Fire Memorial towards the park.

After no further business the Community Development Committee meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

Richard S. King
Borough Secretary