Huntingdon Borough Community Development Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 1, 2021

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

The Huntingdon Borough Community Development Committee meeting was called to order by Chairwomen Dee Dee Brown at 5:00 PM.

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

There were no guest present for this meeting.

Chairwomen Dee Dee Brown called on the Grants Administrator’s report.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens gave copies to everyone on the Grants we have and went over the dates for when we need to have completed.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens spoke on the Solar Street Lights and Bryant Park.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said that Dan Varner, George Drobnock and GHD is working on the Amphitheater.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said the Elks has paid for two new flags and the repair of one.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said that Andy Young has applied for a grant for K9-X for Health Insurance and we have received this grant for the life of K9-X.

Councilman James Bair asked about the Soft Boat Launch. Borough Manager Chris Stevens said when we find some time we will start on this.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens brought up about the Micro-Enterprise Loan Fund that was discussed before and was never decided on. Chris said we can put this into a CDBG project fund and the loans that are still out will then be ours to do our own loans and we will not need to follow the State and Federal guidelines. Chris said currently we have $155,230.37 in the Micro-Enterprise Loan Fund right now.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens talked about the General Funds and said we could take some money out of this for seeding.

**The Community Development Committee recommends a motion to move the Micro-Enterprise Loan Fund money into a CDBG program Fund.**

Vice-President Sean Steeg asked if we should do a resolution?

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said he will contact Stacia-Fe and tell her what we want to do and we can work on doing a resolution.

Chairwomen Dee Dee Brown called on the Mayor’s report.

Mayor David Wessels talked about the Mass texting of crucial information to members of the community on water breaks, boil water notices etc. David said there are different programs and apps that we can choose from and he will get more information.

President Johnathan Hyde said if we would get the app, then we could put an event calendar on it.

Mayor David Wessels said if we go with the app, then we would have a charge for this and then just a yearly fee.

Mayor David Wessels spoke on getting ribbons with a coin with the borough logo and a thank you and would like to get some for the boy scouts to give them.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said that we could give them to Skills also.

It was suggest about ordering a 100 of these and then we would have them.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said that we need to get back to the awards that were given in the past. Chris said that we need to update the Wanda Meyash Award.

Mayor David Wessels said he would like to do a service dog proclamation.

Chairwomen Dee Dee Brown called on old business.

Vice-President Sean Steeg asked if there was a completion date for Bryant Park?

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said around August or September.

Chairwomen Dee Dee Brown called on new business.

Chairwomen Dee Dee Brown said to think about this, that we have two parking lots that we have put a lot of money into them and the public pays nothing back to help cover the expenses. Dee Dee said that we should charge a fee for parking in the lots. There was a discussion on this.

After no further business, the Community Development Committee meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by,  
  
  
  
Richard S. King  
Borough Secretary