Huntingdon Borough Community Development Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

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

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

Guest present was Linda Dearmitt.

President Johnathan Hyde called the meeting to order at 5:17 PM.

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

Linda Dearmitt asked permission to have the Mayfest again next year.

The committee gave their approval on this.

President Johnathan Hyde called on the Grants Administrators report and Borough Managers report.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens reported that Bryan Park will be completed in about 2-3 weeks, then Maintenance will move to install the solar street lights, which will take about 2-3 weeks and then they will move on to the soft boat launch.

Councilman James Bair asked about the fill station.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said we have had a demonstration on this and we will need to run electricity and get internet over at the dog park.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said that Zito Media Communications will be installing aerial fiber optic cable on South 4th Street across the railroad tracks.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said the Green Light Go application has been signed and submitted.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said that when the soft boat launch is completed then Maintenance will move onto the amphitheater.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said that GHD has submitted their quote to do the permitting for the amphitheater at around $50,000.00. Chris said that he will be meeting with them to discuss this amount.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said that Matt Speck will be painting murals on the buildings at Bryan Park.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said we have several resolutions that we need to approve and this is done every year and they are:

1. To sign the General Application Certifications paper for Community Block Grant Program.
2. To approve and sign Resolution No. 2021-11 pertaining to the Section 3 Plan of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 101u.
3. To approve and sign Resolution No. 2021-12 pertaining to Fair Housing.
4. To approve and sign Resolution No. 2021-13 pertaining to Statement of Goals, National Program for Minority Business Enterprises and women Business Enterprises Executive Order 11625.
5. To approve and sign Resolution No. 2021-14 pertaining to the Authorization of Submittal FFY 2021 Community Development Block Grant Application.

**The Community Development Committee recommends a motion to approve the above Resolutions and Certification paper for the Community Development Block Grant.**

President Johnathan Hyde called on the Mayor’s report.

Mayor David Wessels said he had nothing to report.

President Johnathan Hyde called on old business.

President Johnathan Hyde updated everyone on the Octoberfest, which will be held on October 16th from 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM. Johnathan said he has confirmation from vendors that will be coming.

Mayor David Wessels said he has confirmation from food vendors that will be coming. David said there will be entertainment and Deb Hickes had called him and asked if we wanted to have a 400 lb. pumpkin for our event and he said yes.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said we will need to do a policy for food truck vendors at Bryan Park and suggested $7.00 per day and must move 2 weeks after. He said this will help cover the cost of the electricity and water.

Mayor David Wessels said he would like to recommend to council that Bryan Park will be a premium spot for food truck vendors and we should increase the amount for Mayfest and they must vacate that evening.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said we need to figure out a cost for food trucks on the streets.

Mayor David Wessels said that he has issued a peddlers permit for $25.00 per year.

President Johnathan Hyde called on new business.

President Johnathan Hyde reported the 9/11 Memorial Program will be held Saturday, September 11th at 9:11 AM on Penn Street at the Firefighter’s Monument.

President Johnathan Hyde said the Halloween Parade is set for Monday, October 15th at 7:00 PM.

President Johnathan Hyde said that Trick or Treat night will be held on Sunday, October 31st from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on the actual Halloween day.

Executive Session was not called for.

President Johnathan Hyde called on any other business.

There was nothing reported under any other business.

After no further business, the Community Development Committee meeting was adjourned at 5:39 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

Richard S. King
Borough Secretary