

Huntingdon Borough Community Development Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Members present were Chairman Robert Jackson, President James Bair, Vice-President David Fortson, Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown, Councilwoman Jennifer Powell, Councilman Terry Green, Councilman David Quarry, Code Enforcement Officer James Morris, Borough Manager Chris Stevens and Borough Secretary Richard King.

There were no guest present for this meeting.

Chairman Robert Jackson called the Community Development Committee meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

Chairman Robert Jackson called on the Grants Administrator's report and Borough Manager's report.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said the 2019 and some of 2020 CDBG funds were dedicated to the town clock.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said that we could not use this money for the construction but only for repairs. Chris said that Landmarks and the church were to take care of the construction of this.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said the 2020-2021 CDBG funds were for the 6<sup>th</sup> Street parking lot.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said the \$160,418.86 that was taken from the Microenterprise Loan fund and placed into a CDBG program fund plus the remaining of the 2018 CDBG funds will be used to mill and repave the parking lot.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said his plan is to have a parking enforcement in the parking lot with a gate, where you get a ticket and you pay when you leave. Chris said we will have to do something with the Blair House residents when they return since they park in the parking lot. Chris said that now is not the time, until businesses get back to normal and then we will set up a plan. Chris said they already have to purchase a parking permit to park at night.

Chairman Robert Jackson ask if this includes charging stations.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said no, that we cannot get anyone to come in. Chris said he thinks it is not feasible to them for making money.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said we received an email on Local Share Account Statewide, where they provide for distribution of gaming revenues. Chris said that Adam Miller is looking into this.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens reported on the 912 Washington Street that Habitat for Humanities was going to take over. Chris said the state and county came back wanting more information. Chris said that CEO James Morris did 1 apartment inspection and we must pay rent for the person that moved out. Chris said they called again and we will do 2 more apartment inspections and we will submit our own inspection list.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said we have \$28,500.00 to cover all bills owed and Medicare is owed \$100,000.00 in which anything is left from the \$28,500.00, the state will take and make this property clear.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said we need to start looking at what projects we want to do with the 2022 CDBG program funds. Chris said we are tired of curb cuts.

President James Bair said there are a lot of sidewalks that need repaired in the borough.

Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown asked about doing crosswalks at Juniata College to make it safe for students before someone gets hit.

Councilman Terry Green said we should reduce the speed there.

Vice-President David Fortson said he agrees to reduce the speed also. David said we are here to protect the people.

Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown said we should remove the one in the middle and do crosswalks.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said we could place flashing signs with speed limits there.

President James Bair said we should have the police enforce the speed limits there and issue citations.

President James Bair said to invite Tim Launtz to the next meeting and voice our concerns.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said Maintenance will be doing the soft boat launch this springs

Borough Manager Chris Stevens talked about the Amphitheater and said we have the original grant of \$125,000.00; we have \$80,000.00 in another account; said we received a grant for \$92,000.00 which we need to match for the bathrooms and we have not received another grant yet for \$125,000.00.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said we have received \$363,045.16 last year for the American Rescue Plan (ARP) and we will receive \$363,045.16 this year.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said it is up to council on what they want to spend this money on. Chris said we could use \$100,000.00 on the Amphitheater, \$60,000.00 towards the playgrounds, 2<sup>nd</sup> & Penn Street water line \$50 - \$60,000.00. Chris said we can give the Fire Company \$10,000.00 and the Ambulance Division \$10,000.00.

**George Conrad arrived at 4:58 PM.**

Borough Manager said that we will only need to file quarterly reports on the ARP funds.

Councilwoman Jennifer Powell ask about using some for Broadband.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said he has a quote from one outfit for \$199,000.00, which includes cameras. Chris said he is also working on ZETO for a quote.

The committee agreed about talking more about this in the Administrative Committee meeting.

Chairman Robert Jackson called on the Mayor's report.

Thomas Yoder had nothing to report on.

Chairman Robert Jackson called on Old Business.

Chairman Robert Jackson said there is no need to bring up about the Scooter Biz that this is not legal.

It was mentioned that Borough Council would need to decide about this on their streets.

Chairman Robert Jackson called on New Business.

Chairman Robert Jackson said he would like to discuss the possibility of creating a Huntingdon Visitor's package like a weekend vacation to attract people to Huntingdon.

Councilwoman Jennifer Powell said that Lake Raystown has this on their website.

Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown said that Huntingdon Chamber of Commerce has this on their website.

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Chairman Robert Jackson said he would also like to discuss surveying local businesses about needs and ideas for improvement.

Councilwoman Jennifer Powell said that Juniata College students did this years ago and that they would probably be able to update this.

Chairman Robert Jackson said that he is meeting with Juniata College students tomorrow and will bring this up.

Executive Session was not called for.

Chairman Robert Jackson 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 5:11 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

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Borough Secretary