**Huntingdon Borough Community Development Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 9, 2024
Members: Chairwoman Jennifer Powell, Robert Jackson and DeeDee Brown**

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

The guest present were Jana Weaver, Joe Thompson & Jeanette Moyer.

Due to the weather, a ZOOM meeting was set up for the Angel’s Light Addiction Specialists.

Members present were President James Bair, Vice-President David Fortson, Councilman Robert Jackson, Councilwoman DeeDee Brown, Councilman Terry Green, Councilwoman Jennifer Powell, Mayor Thomas Yoder, Chief of Police Charles Streightiff, Code Enforcement Officer James Morris, Borough Manager Chris Stevens, and Borough Secretary Richard King.

Chairwoman Jennifer Powell called the Community Development Committee meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

Chairwoman Jennifer Powell recognized the guest present and asked for their comments.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens introduced Jana Weaver as the borough’s events coordinator and wanted her to meet everyone.

Chairwoman Jennifer Powell said she is looking forward to be working with her.

Robert T. spoke on the Angel’s Light Addiction Specialists and said they are looking at the Dubois Business at 1001 Moore Street, Huntingdon, PA. Robert said this is for females only that will receive the lowest level of care and will be transitioned back into the community.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens asked if there were other facilities in residential areas.

Robert T said yes and mentioned some areas.

Councilwoman DeeDee Brown asked if they could come and go as they please?

Robert T said no, that if they have a job, we have drivers that take them to work and pick them up.

Vice-President David Fortson said then they are not supervised at their job.

Robert T said they are not inmates and that we are a third level treatment facility.

Chief Charles Streightiff asked if they have a working relationship with Mainstream Counseling and others.

Robert T said we are a license program on Drug & Alcohol.

Councilwoman Jennifer Powell said you are recovery and detox, and do you have other facilities?

Robert T said yes in Westmoreland County and Fayette County.

Chief Charles Streightiff asked if he goes through Single County Authority (SCA).

Robert T said no.

Councilman Robert Jackson asked how long are they in there?

Robert T. said 30 – 60 days.

President James Bair asked how many people are employed.

Robert T. said there are thirty-one clients.

President James Bair asked if he had looked at the property?

Robert T. said he was going to do that today but is stuck on the mountain.

Code Enforcement Officer James Morris asked how many jobs are you going to take from the community?

Robert T. said there are ten people, 24/7, 10 recovery techs, 4 to 5 counselors, Administrative and drivers.

Chairwoman Jennifer Powell called on the Grants Administrators report.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said the light poles for the 6th Street Parking Lot are to be delivered March 8th and CDBG is ok with this.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said the 7th Street Parking Lot project is moving forward.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens spoke on the town clock project.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said we need to think of what we want to do with the next CDBG money.

The committee suggested sidewalks, that there are a lot out there that needs replaced.

Chairwoman Jennifer Powell called on the Borough Managers report.

Chris Stevens had nothing to report.

Chairwoman Jennifer Powell called on the Mayor’s report.

Thomas Yoder said the Christmas lights above the streets are being taken down.

Thomas Yoder said that Jana Weaver is doing an amazing job.

Thomas Yoder said that Linda DeArmitt had a storage unit that was donated but lost the key. Thomas said we will need to cut the lock and see what is in there.

Chairwoman Jennifer Powell called on old business.

There was nothing reported under old business.

Chairwoman Jennifer Powell called on new business.

Councilman Robert Jackson said he was asked to come speak to students at Juniata College to give them information to do studies within the borough.

Mayor Thomas Yoder said that Chief Streightiff and he will be speaking to a class of students.

Councilman Robert Jackson said that we will have a radio station, that they could bring something to us to advertise for them.

Joe Thompson then updated everyone on the radio station on where we stand as of now.

Joe Thompson said that he would like to contact Matt Lightner, Project Engineer, to go over things.

Executive Session was not called for.

After no further business, the Community Development Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:08 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

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Borough Secretary