

FREDERICKTOWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

Regular Meeting Minutes – Thursday, April 5, 2018. 7:45 AM
Fredericktown Local Schools Board Room (“Old High School”)
Minutes recorded by Bruce Snell, FCDF Secretary

Attendees: Bill Van Nostrand, James Wagner, Melanie Earnest, Katie Frazier, Andy Fox, Terry Randall, Dan Humphrey, Colleen Gregg, and Nicole Aut.

Monthly meeting was called to order by President Bill Van Nostrand at 7:45 AM.

Mr. Van Nostrand welcomed those in attendance and requested a motion to approve the minutes. Andy Fox made a motion to approve, Jim Wagner seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Van Nostrand introduced Bill Pursel, a candidate for County Commissioner. Mr. Pursel spoke briefly about his platform and indicated he looked forward to seeing residents prosper throughout Knox County. Mr. Pursel indicated that he is a township trustee and that 59% of county residents live in townships and only 14% live in villages, leaving round 24% living in Mount Vernon. He is hoping to be the “eyes on the ground” representing his constituents at the county level.

Nicole provided the Treasurer’s Report. Watt’s Advertising has been paid. The Quilt Show invoices have been paid.

Village Administrator Bruce Snell indicated that Ambry Paving was the low bidder on the 2018 Street Improvement Project. The project will begin sometime after July 1, 2018 and includes repaving a portion of Columbus Road, all of West Mound, a portion of E. Sandusky and a few other smaller areas as needed. The streets have deteriorated significantly this winter due to the fact that we have had far more freezing and thawing than usual this winter.

Lt. Johnson asked Bruce Snell to share the FPD’s March statistics. In the month of March, the PD had 106 calls for service and eight criminal charges. Saturday, April 21, there will be a Neighborhood Watch meeting at the High School Commons where there will also be active shooter training. There will be a potluck lunch at 11:00 AM.

The Quilter’s Market will be held on April 14th at the Fredericktown School Commons at 10:00 AM. There are now thirty vendor booths with about twenty-five quilts that will be on display. Volunteers are needed to assist vendors to carry material in and to carry them out after the event.

Colleen Gregg provided an update on the Fredericktown Farmers’ Market. The Colleen tried unsuccessfully to obtain grant funding through the Knox County Area Development Foundation but was successful in obtaining funding through the Knox County Farm Bureau. Another grant application for state funding is also in the works. The Farmers’ Market will begin in June.

Fredericktown Merchants’ Association is working on an advertising coop for local merchants. The FMA is also planning for the Christmas in July event, which will be held on July 7th and

benefits Inner-church and the Salvation Army. The FMA will be working with AEP to plan for constructing underground electrical infrastructure at some point in the future.

Jeff Harris shared on behalf of the Industrial Development Committee. Jeff indicated that he is working with the Burgett family to get the Fredericktown Industrial Park certified “shovel ready” status. Jeff is looking for someone to add to his staff at Knox County Area Development Foundation and asked the group to send anyone they might know looking for such an opportunity his way. Jeff indicated that he is now president of the Knox County Land Bank and he briefly discussed how this organization works. Jeff also discussed the Workforce Alliance and how that organization works to develop employable workers throughout the county. There will be a youth work-camp held this summer to help young prospective employees learn how to become part of the workforce. Jeff also discussed FT Precision and Unique Metal Design’s tax abatements.

Melanie Earnest shared on behalf of the Communication Committee. The committee has been working on the FCDF website. If you Google “Fredericktown” you will come to the FCDF website, so we are getting a tremendous amount of hits (lots of activity) on our website. Membership was also discussed. An effort will be made to increase collecting dues from members of the foundation. Ms. Earnest indicated that she felt members should pay dues in order to be represented on the website in the future. Also the website will be more geared at getting website users to visit the community.

The meeting was open to discussion of miscellaneous items at this point.

Dick Gray indicated that the Knox/Licking Area Goodwill in Fredericktown will be hosting the Knox County Chamber of Commerce event at the store on May 15th and more information will be available in the near future.

Mr. Van Nostrand indicated that there will be a business table at the Quilt Show where merchants can promote their businesses.

Someone brought up the downtown lighting and the possible availability of grant funding for this endeavor and Mr. Van Nostrand indicated that we are looking into such a program downtown. Mr. Gray indicated that the Goodwill store is lit with 100% LED lighting at this point.

Mr. Van Nostrand declared the meeting adjourned at 8:38 AM.