

FREDERICKTOWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

Regular Meeting Minutes – Thursday, February 1, 2018. 7:45 AM

Fredericktown Local Schools Board Room (“Old High School”)

Minutes recorded by Bruce Snell, FCDF Secretary

Attendees: Bill Van Nostrand, Matt Chrispin (Trustee), James Hobson (Trustee), Melanie Earnest, Brad Ebersole, Andy Fox, Terry Randall, Dan Humphrey, Rick Lanuzza, Mayor Jerry Day, Roger Brown, Colleen Gregg, and Paul Mayville.

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 nominate a treasurer and a secretary. Andy Fox made a motion to nominate Bruce Snell as Secretary, Ms. Gregg seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion regarding the need for a new Treasurer. Melanie Earnest expressed interest in the time commitment involved but said she may be interested in serving after she discusses the time commitment with her employer.

Mr. Van Nostrand requested a motion to approve the minutes. Paul Mayville made a motion to approve, Andy Fox seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Paul Mayville provided the Treasurer’s Report, reporting what bills were paid and fund balances. There was brief discussion as to the costs associated with the website. Brad Ebersole made a motion to accept the Finance Report and Jerry Day seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Village Administrator Bruce Snell indicated that Village Council is asking property owners and/or occupants to comply with local ordinances requiring them to keep sidewalks free of snow, ice and other obstructions.

School Superintendent Matt Chrispin indicated that school WILL BE in session this year on Presidents’ Day.

EMS Chief Rick Lanuzza indicated, while that EMS calls in the Village were slightly increased, EMS calls over the past twelve years had increased by nearly nine percent. Nearly half of the 2017 calls were within the Village limits.

Police Chief Roger Brown indicated that the FPD responded to 132 calls in the month of January, which is around the average for the month of January in years past. The FPD Community survey results were also discussed and 100 participated in that survey. Chief Brown fielded a number of questions from the group in regard to the survey. In summary, Chief Brown indicated that emergency calls had increased but criminal charges had decreased in the Village for the year 2017.

Melanie Earnest shared the new logo with the group and that the Logo Committee was satisfied with the logo. Ms. Earnest asked each member of the group to go to the website and share their comments in regards to the new logo at the March FCDF meeting. Ms. Earnest also pointed out the importance of keeping our website updated. Ms. Earnest also emphasized the importance of utilizing the website to reach out to those traveling to the area, such as campers and/or fisherman traveling to Knox Lake or Kokosing Dam, and bring them to the downtown area to shop and dine while they are in the area. The group agreed on the importance of keeping the website updated. A motion was made by Brad Ebersole to approve the new logo and James Hobson seconded that motion; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Van Nostrand expressed the importance of implementing “way-finding signage.”

Mr. Van Nostrand reminded the group that Quilters’ Market Day will be April 14th from 10 AM to 3 PM at the Fredericktown School Campus.

Colleen Gregg provided an update on the Fredericktown Farmers’ Market. This year’s Farmers’ Market may include bands playing on the square, cooking demonstrations and the Fredericktown Historical Society may open its doors during the Farmers’ Market hours. The market will be held each Thursday evening in June, July and August. Ms. Gregg is also seeking grant funding opportunities for the Farmers’ Market. She will also follow up with the owners of the Brickhouse Grind to see if they would consider staying open during the Farmers’ Market.

Andy Fox indicated that Jeff Harris, Executive Director of Knox County Area Development Foundation, will continue to take the lead on Industrial/Business Development in the Fredericktown Area. The group discussed the importance of staying “out in front” of industrial development, in general, in order to have some control over managing growth in the area.

Terry Randall, representing Central Ohio Farmers’ Co-op, indicated they have made approximately \$800,000 in improvements to the facility, which is located at the former Movers & Shuckers facility north of town.

Paul Mayville made a motion to adjourn and Brad Ebersole seconded the motion; meeting was adjourned at 8:50 AM.