



Fredericktown Community Development Foundation, Monthly Meeting – Minutes for Thursday, January 7, 2016, 7:30 a.m., Fredericktown Local Schools Board Room.

Trustees in attendance were: Matthew Crispin, Jeffrey Harris, James Hobson, and Joan Stout.

The monthly meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

Mr. Hobson welcomed those in attendance and asked that any guests be introduced. Guests this day included Montana Hoover of First-Knox National Bank; Lisa Faust of Eagle Rock Tours; and newly elected Mayor Jerry Day.

Mr. Hobson opened the floor for a motion to approve the minutes of the Foundation’s Annual Meeting of November 12, 2015. Mr. Harris asked for one point of clarification from that meeting’s business: it was Aaron Veyon who seconded the motion made to re-elect Judy Divelbiss as the Tourism Committee Chair. Ms. Stout moved to approve the minutes and Andy Fox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hobson turned the floor over to the attendees for community resource updates.

Bruce Snell noted the Village has used very little of its road salt supply thus far this winter. Mr. Hobson noted the Village’s “wins” in 2015 included completion of the water tower and the bike trail improvements, which remained under review by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Snell added that the State’s Safe Walks to School program would bring sidewalk construction within the Village in 2017. Further, Mr. Snell stated the sewer separation project at Mulberry and Chestnut is half-way completed (phase 6 of 12), with the donated use of a backhoe from Kokosing Construction Co. allowing the Village to save a substantial amount of funds on the project.

Mr. Hobson noted that Deputy Doug Turpen of the Knox County Sheriff’s Office is a new member of the Village Council.

Representative Margaret Ann Ruhl then presented on work from the Ohio General Assembly. First, she noted that State Capital Bill projects were being sought for buildings and structures owned by the government or public-private partnerships; those interested in requesting such funds should contact her office in Columbus. Second, she noted the Route 13 bypass has been proposed to be named the William Burgett Highway in honor of the founder of Kokosing Construction Co. Finally, Representative Ruhl noted that medical marijuana may remain an actively discussed issue at the Statehouse during 2016.

Chief Lanuzza noted that EMS runs were up by 10 percent in 2015, comprised of 805 such runs within the Village. The squad has been very busy, including nine runs on New Year's Day.

Mr. Hobson commented the Fredericktown Fire Department gave a presentation at a recent Village Council meeting, at which they offered non-invasive, proactive fire code inspections for members of the community.

Katie Frazier noted that 2015's Fredericktown activity was busy, with 229 households receiving family aid, 717 households receiving items from the food pantry and 65 households enrolled in Turn the Tide. Ms. Frazier offered a thank you to the Fire Department for providing Christmas gifts and food baskets. In addition, she noted \$4,500 in donations from Fredericktown for Food For The Hungry, as well as 4,000 items donated from the elementary school. Her organization's plans in 2016 include \$10 dairy / bread vouchers to the Village Grocer, a food drive to be held in July, and their use of Opportunity Knox's Job-a-Bago mobile job search van.

Mr. Crispin provided a report on the Fredericktown Local Schools. He noted the second semester had begun, and the administration was creating the 2016 – 2017 school calendar, which may feature unusual break schedules. Mr. Crispin stated the school district is preparing for all-day kindergarten, and that State Capital Bill assistance would be useful in transitioning the School Board Room into a pre-school classroom with restroom facility and attached playground.

Mr. Harris gave updates on the Foundation's sister organization, the Area Development Foundation. First, he had an in-person meeting with Brian Burgett regarding the future of the "shovel-ready" sites adjacent to Kokosing Construction Co., including the notion of hiring an aggressive commercial real estate broker to sell the parcels. Second, Mr. Snell had been nominated – and he accepted – a seat on the Area Development Foundation's Board of Directors, with the election to be held at the Annual Meeting later in January. Finally, Mr. Harris noted the pending sale of the 300-acre Mount Vernon Academy former boarding school and adjacent farmland; the entire property holdings would go up for auction in late First Quarter or early Second Quarter 2016.

Mr. Hobson asked if there were other updates. Dan Humphrey noted that Morris Township has an EMS Board vacancy. Ms. Faust stated that Eagle Rock Tours has a new owner, as they were purchased by Pioneer Trails, but the main pick-up point would remain at the police station.

Mr. Crispin noted the Senior Activity Center would have a new Activities Director soon named, and the Center has seen an increase in participation since Thanksgiving.

Mr. Hobson reminded the attendees that thoughts should be gathered regarding the Foundation's mission and direction. He remarked the Foundation should serve as a clearinghouse of information regarding Fredericktown, relaying and exchanging information in all things development-related in the Village. Mr. Hobson asked the attendees to spend time thinking about the Foundation's mission and share feedback with him.

Ms. Divelbiss noted she had located a notebook from 1980 with minutes and notes from conversations about the Foundation's creation and purpose. She will provide the notebook, or a

copy thereof, to Mr. Hobson, as it may be helpful to the current discussion regarding the Foundation's mission.

Mr. Hobson stated that with the successful passage of the police levy in November 2015, the campaign had \$321.07 remaining and it wished to donate this amount to the Foundation for purposes of funding the neighborhood watch program. The Foundation will serve as a conduit to route the funds to that end purpose.

Mr. Hobson asked for Officers' reports. Ms. Stout provided the attendees with two separate reports showing December's financial activity for the Foundation; one report for the Foundation as a whole, and the other showing the Tourism Committee's activity. Representative Ruhl moved to accept the financial reports so distributed and Ms. Frazier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Divelbiss stated that the Tourism Committee's work continued on the annual Quilt Show to occur April 23, from 10am to 3pm, at Fredericktown High School. Ms. Faust noted that ads were being placed throughout Ohio, and the Committee was expecting 40 booths, the same as last year's event. This year, the Committee was attempting to host Amish in their own vendor booth, too.

Mr. Hobson asked if there was any further Old or New Business for the meeting. Chief Lanuzza moved to adjourn, which Mr. Hobson so did at 8:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey Harris
Secretary