



Fredericktown Community Development Foundation, Monthly Meeting – Minutes for Thursday, August 4, 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 7:33 a.m.

Mr. Hobson welcomed those guests in attendance. Melanie Earnest of FT Precision attended as the local community member for her employer. She will be taking the place formerly held by Brian Trucker, who has moved on to new employment.

Mr. Hobson opened the floor for a motion to approve the minutes of the Foundation’s Monthly Meeting of July 7, 2016. James Wagner moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Crispin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Rep. Margaret Ann Ruhl noted the Ohio General Assembly was on recess and that she had no report.

Mr. Crispin noted that spruce-ups are occurring around the district in preparation of school starting on August 18. The district administrative office building will house a pre-school, and the playground has been completed. Beginning the week of August 8, schedules will be distributed to students. Mr. Crispin later noted the pre-school is moving because all-day kindergarten requires the space. This new kindergarten resource is a huge deal to the district, as research shows K-2 are the most critical years for positive intervention with children, particularly low-income students. He further noted that certain transportation within the Village will be provided to easily cross SR 95. Namely, beginning August 18, a cluster stop will be available at Taylor to aggregate children and board them on buses for the remainder of the journey to school. More such “cluster stops” will be created, going forward.

Mr. Snell noted the Village is flushing hydrants on its streets during the next two weeks. Please flush your toilets and let your faucets run in the event of rust appearing in your tap water. The Village is taking this step to rid the supply lines of rust. Mr. Snell continued, noting the Village’s repaving work in the downtown area will occur around October 3, according to the vendor, Kokosing Construction Co. Paving will be for the entire stretch of State Route 95 and South Main Street in the Village. Mayor Day commented that the Village is now in possession of the sewer line vacuum truck and likely will put it to service later today.

Chief Lanuzza noted the EMS squad went on 72 runs in June, which was a busy month; the squad is at 515 such runs to-date this year.

Chief Brown stated the National Night Out event was a tremendous success, and exceeded their expectations. Mr. Crispin, he noted, did a great job in the dunk tank. The event was successful that space was at capacity. He stated 75 cars were registered for the auto show. And he thanked FT Precision, and all the sponsors, for their support of the event. Mr. Wagner stated his thanks to the Chief and his officers for a great event. Without a local newspaper exclusive to Fredericktown, he noted, it's harder to get the word out about upcoming events.

Tina Cockrell spoke on behalf of the Knox County Chamber. She stated the Chamber's 25-minute documentary film, "Uncommon Brilliance," would be shown tomorrow, August 5, at the First-Friday Event in Mount Vernon at the Memorial Theater. She further noted the New Educators Breakfast will take place at MVNU the morning of Thursday, August 11.

Katie Frazier reported on the work of Interchurch. She stated that 14 families received financial aid in July, and 1,665 meals were provided during the month from the food pantry. She noted particular thanks to the EMS squad for its Community Day donation of \$2,600, with funds directed to Interchurch's back-to-school campaign. The United Methodist Church also provided \$500, and the Fredericktown Lion's Club donated \$100. These donations, in total, will allow Interchurch to obtain 100 Staples gift cards (each \$30), and the remaining balance of donations will allow Interchurch to provide the expensive calculators to needy students. Ms. Frazier thought the Community Day event was awesome and hopes it continues into the future. She state the Summer Lunch Program provided 970 lunches during this summer. And the Christmas in July program, held July 9, resulted in an increase in financial donations but a decrease in food donations; the latter likely is the result of all-year food donations coming in.

Mr. Harris gave updates on the Foundation's sister organization, the Area Development Foundation. He walked the Foote Foundry site with owner Tom Updike last week, and remarked there may be little commercial interest in using the 1860s era foundry building. It appears the most interest from possible end users is the Edwards Building and the wood barn on the site. He asked the owner to contact him should an end user materialize who needs financial help in removing or remediating the foundry buildings.

Mr. Hobson announced that Knox Ways will be holding a social media event at the Grand Hotel in Mount Vernon on Wednesday, August 24, from 2 – 4pm, with instructions to participants on how to use social media platforms. Admission is \$10 and various speakers, with success in their own social media uses, will present.

Mr. Hobson acknowledged there has been some discussion as to unifying the various Fredericktown-related websites, notably those of the Village, the Foundation and the police department.

Mr. Hobson reminded attendees the Foundation's annual meeting will occur on Thursday, November 3 at 7:30pm, and there will be no annual meeting. He noted that officer elections will occur at the annual meeting for President and Treasurer.

Mr. Hobson then read into the minutes a copy of the resolution, attached here, that authorizes the officers of the Foundation submit a grant request to the Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County for \$2,500 to assist with the cost of the downtown revitalization study. Mr. Wagner moved to adopt the resolution and Chief Lanuzza seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hobson asked for Officers' reports. Ms. Stout provided the attendees with a verbal report on July financial activity for the Foundation. First, the Tourism Committee had no activity in July, with its financial position unchanged from the June report (current balance is \$2,348.01). Second, as to the Foundation as a whole, she had deposited \$475 in membership dues received during July, leaving \$1,732.54 on deposit in the Foundation's account. She has discussed with Ms. Cockrell whether to re-issue invoices later this year to remind members; last year dues payments were received between August and October. Chief Lanuzza moved to accept the financial reports as presented and Mr. Wagner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hobson noted a Tourism Committee report would wait until the next month, with Judy Divelbiss' attendance at the next meeting.

Mr. Wagner noted the Pelotonia bike race will be coming through Fredericktown on Saturday, August 6. Chief Brown remarked he will have officers out to assist from 7:45am to as late as 1pm that day.

Mr. Hobson asked if Fredericktown's poverty rates – now around 40 percent – will allow the Village to take advantage of Community Development Block Grants. Mr. Harris responded we will try several different approaches in 2017 to qualify the Village for such CDBG assistance.

Hearing no further business, Mr. Hobson adjourned the meeting at 7:57am.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey Harris
Secretary

FREDERICKTOWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
CORPORATE RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF MOUNT VERNON & KNOX
COUNTY GRANT APPLICATION

RESOLVED, that the Foundation authorizes and directs the Trustees and Officers to prepare and submit, or has submitted, a grant request in the amount of \$2,500 to the Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County;

RESOLVED, that the Trustees and Officers are hereby authorized to take whatever steps necessary, including signing, executing or entering into any documents, agreements or written understandings to accept and deposit the Community Foundation grant funds, should they be awarded.