



Fredericktown Community Development Foundation, Annual Meeting – Minutes for Thursday, November 3, 2016, 7:30 p.m., Fredericktown Community Room, 12 Mill Street.

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

The monthly meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m.

Mr. Hobson welcomed those members in attendance for the Annual Meeting. Mr. Hobson further thanked Bill Whaley with the Fredericktown Parks District for the use of the Community Room space, which has recently been remodeled and is very pleasant.

Mr. Hobson opened the floor for a motion to approve the minutes of the Foundation's Monthly Meeting of October 6, 2016. James Wagner moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Crispin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hobson asked for nominations from the floor for the two open officers positions with the Foundation: the President and the Treasurer. These officers' terms both would be through December 31, 2018.

For the role of Treasurer of the Foundation, Katie Frazier nominated Paul Mayville. Mr. Wagner seconded the motion. Mr. Mayville commented, noting his family obligations would not allow him to join Foundation monthly meetings until 7:45am. Mr. Hobson replied that would not be an issue.

Mr. Hobson moved that Mr. Mayville be elected to the role of Treasurer. Mr. Crispin seconded and the motion was approved unanimously by the members.

For the role of President of the Foundation, Mr. Wagner moved that Mr. Hobson retain the role for the next term. Discussion ensued and the members assented unanimously to the selection of Mr. Hobson.

Mr. Hobson then asked for community updates. Mr. Harris noted the Area Development Foundation is working on various aspects of the Siemens plant shut-down, and he helped host JobsOhio in visiting the Burgett property (the Fredericktown Industrial Park) on November 17.

Carol Grubaugh noted the creation of a Chamber time capsule, and asked that items be dropped off at the Chamber of Commerce office. The time capsule will be sealed at the Chamber's Annual Dinner on Friday, January 6, 2017.

Ms. Grubaugh further noted she is helping to create a Programming Committee for the county's workforce development task force (known as WorkDev). She will help create programming that suits employers' needs in training their workers; please let her know if you have any such needs in your workplace or business. She further noted that SCORE is being heavily used to help write and update business plans in the community. Finally, Ms. Grubaugh noted the Chamber has enjoyed a record-breaking number of ribbon cuttings, including the three-way ribbon cutting in downtown Fredericktown.

Mayor Jerry Day commented the Village's paving is now complete, and Phase 2 of the bike trail would begin on November 14. He foresees the chance the bike trail will connect to Butler in 2017. Mr. Wagner expressed his thanks to Mayor Day for the recent sign repair associated with the Village's historic preservation efforts.

Mr. Chrispin noted enrollment at the Fredericktown Local Schools is 1,396, which is 40 more students than were enrolled in 2015. The recent meeting of the county's school superintendents was attended by Paulo DiMaria, the new State Superintendent, to discuss the testing report card and the State's required testing structure. Mr. Chrispin stated that a good discussion was had with Mr. DiMaria. Mr. Chrispin further noted the Girls Cross-Country team was attending national trials after their successful season.

Mr. Wagner noted the EMS squad faced its busiest month ever in October, with 116 runs completed. The squad may be looking at new staffing. Mr. Wagner noted his own retirement from the squad leadership in December 2016.

Mr. Hobson then provided his President's report for 2016. He stated the Foundation first met on June 5, 1980, with a purpose of encouraging, promoting and assisting in development of the Village. Mr. Hobson stated his emphasis is on collaboration, and successes in 2016 included the following:

- Triple-ribbon cutting in downtown Fredericktown;
- Engaging the Neighborhood Design Center to study and assess Fredericktown's central business district;
- Identifying the Foundation as the central clearinghouse of information for the Village's development;
- Hosting the USDA team during their field review of conditions in Knox County;
- Helping to celebrate the Chamber of Commerce's 100th birthday;
- Participating in the countywide maker movement, which includes a new makerspace in downtown Mount Vernon; and
- Helping ensure a successful Neighborhood Watch campaign in the Village.

Ms. Stout provided the attendees with a financial report for October. She noted the last deposit was made October 12, and the Tourism Committee had minor expenses for the quilt raffle. Mr. Wagner moved to approve the financial report, Andy Fox seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hobson noted the Neighborhood Design Center would provide a complete report at the next Foundation meeting, to be held January 5, 2017. Mr. Wagner stated the planning firm had been

provided old photos of the Village from prior to the 1875 and the 1913 fires. The photos included gaslights shown along Main Street.

Hearing no further business, Mr. Hobson adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffry Harris
Secretary