

FREDERICKTOWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

Regular Meeting Minutes – Thursday, September 6, 2018, at 7:45 AM

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

Minutes recorded by Bruce Snell, FCDF Secretary

Attendees: Bill Van Nostrand, Matt Chrispin, Kevin Swain, Colleen Gregg, Melanie Earnest, Brad Swihart, Amber Shuman, Nicole Aut, Margaret Ann Ruhl, Dave Daniels, Jeremy Moss, Rick Lanuzza, Paul Mayville, Bruce Snell.

Monthly meeting was called to order by Bill Van Nostrand at 7:48 AM.

Mr. Van Nostrand welcomed those in attendance.

Treasurer’s Report: Membership dues are coming in. We also have lots of activity related to the Farmers’ Market. Funds are looking good. Not much to report other than that.

Village of Fredericktown: Bruce Snell indicated that the Village has nearly completed its paving project, which was funded by an OPWC grant covering \$48,000 of the cost of this project. The Village is also in the middle of completing an additional OPWC grant funded project which entails closing down N. Main Street at Tuttle Avenue to replace approximately fifty feet of deteriorated 108” corrugated metal culvert. The deteriorated culvert has led to a sinkhole forming in the southbound lane of N. Main Street, in front of the old Foote Foundry. 71% of this estimated \$120,000 construction project will be paid for through an Ohio Public Works Commission grant. This project is scheduled to take two to four weeks to complete.

Fredericktown Local Schools: School is back in session. Outdoor school lighting has been converted from HPS to LED lighting for the most part. The fieldhouse is getting a \$74K renovation through a \$50K Community Foundation Grant. More capital improvements scheduled for later this fall. An academic newsletter was recently mailed out to each household with the 43019 zip code. This publication provided information in regards to school performance and finances. Saturday, September 8, there will be a very special historical presentation recognizing Fredericktown as the “Home of the FFA Jacket.” This event will take place at the Fredericktown Tomato Shoe at 6 PM.

Fredericktown Police EMS: This year we are on pace to be at an all-time high for volume of emergency runs. The renewal EMS levy will be on the local ballot in November.

Fredericktown Merchants’ Association: Lamplighter will be out in Oct. and the next big event will be the Christmas Walk.

Farmers’ Market: Colleen Gregg reported that the Farmers’ Market will be open tonight for the last time this year. This is the first year the market has been open for the Tomato Show. This year was a great year for the Farmers’ Market and the car shows were a big hit as well.

Membership Committee: Membership renewal forms have been sent out for the new year, which started July 1, 2018. It was suggested that we email renewal notices to all individuals that receive FCDF emails.

Economic Development Committee: Nothing to report.

Communication Committee: Mr. Chrispin briefly went through the FCDF website with the group and indicated that the committee feels as though they have received substantial input and have made a multitude of changes to the website as a result of that input. The committee will continue to make changes to the website as needed in the future and the committee will remain open to feedback in the future. There was extensive discussion in regards to the further development of the website.

President's Two Cents: Mr. Van Nostrand indicated that the group needs to “get on fire or do nothing.” There were lots of projects we completed in the past but it is time to step up and get behind the revitalization project.

There was discussion as to how to get the FMA more involved in the group. The group determined that the meeting times will be alternated in the future – one month will be a morning meeting and one month will be an evening meeting. The next meeting will be Oct 2 at 5:00, same place.

Mr. Van Nostrand declared the meeting adjourned at 8:41 AM.