

Phillipsburg Urban Enterprise Zone
Minutes of Meeting - August 27, 2018

This meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Vice chairperson Helene Meissner. In attendance were Helene Meissner, Councilwoman Danielle DeGerolamo, Dorothy Kays, Amy Hoppe, and Gayle Rogers. Also in attendance were Pat Dragotta and Charee Carney. Keith Zwicker and Carrie Scott joined the meeting at approximately 6:30. *Keith Ran the meeting at this point*

Gayle Rogers motioned to approve the June minutes with the correction of Lower Warren County Economic Development and Councilwoman Degerolamo seconded. The motion carried.

Helene Meissner motioned to approve the July minutes and Gayle Rogers seconded. The motion carried.

For the Good of the Board

Bridge Construction is starting by the Center and Roseberry section. There will be a medical supply company in one of the warehouses. It will bring up to 500 high end jobs. The will be packing emergency room kits.

Mural

There will be a meeting next week regarding the mural project on North Main. Coca Cola does not foresee a problem with regard to infringement. They might help fund the project. The Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber Foundation is giving a grant for the mural.

Medical Cannabis

There was a meeting with two medical marijuana companies with a freedom house representative, police officer, Reverend Slack, and others that discussed the effects of a possible processing plant or dispensary in the town of Phillipsburg. The biggest concern was that once it is approved, they would be the first for a recreational marijuana facility. It is not automatic, they would have to go back in front of the board. It is heavily controlled. The Freedom House representative was favorable because marijuana is a much better alternative to the current drug that is used to help people get off heroin. One of the companies bought 99 Broad Street. It will be interesting to see if any of the companies are selected for the town of Phillipsburg. The medical cannabis company is looking to fund a charitable organization such as the UEZ. Pat Dragotta thought that it would be best to have a committee for the moneys. The company would give 2% of the profits.

Pork Roll Palooza- October 13th

The PDA runs the event and are looking for donations. The UEZ has always funded 80% of the patrol of the police for the events and this would be phase 12. The board discussed the possibility of special police and possibly stipulating that class 3 police could be utilized which can be negotiated with the Mayor's office and have a set amount that the UEZ would fund. The

Police Patrol

board agreed that the police presence at the functions was favorable. A subcommittee can be formed for the proposal.

Helene Meissner motioned for the \$1500 sponsorship for the Porkroll Palooza and Carrie Scott seconded. The motion carried with votes from Helene Meissner, Keith Zwicker, Councilwoman Degerolamo, Carrie Scott, Gayle Rogers with an abstention from Amy Hoppe.

There was a meeting with Joe Getz. They decided to take inventory of the properties from the black bridge to the free bridge and send letters to the business owners. Councilwoman Degerolamo said that Town Council is supportive but will not put it on the agenda and the redevelopment plan was not on the agenda because the people in the town of Phillipsburg were not noticed properly.

Pat Dragotta will be going to California for the months of January, February and March. Amy Hoppe will be filling in for Pat.

The State is considering the UEZ renewal. For every \$1 of investment, the state gives \$10 on the return.

Aharts

The owner of the property will not negotiate with previous owners. The owner would like \$25 per sq foot to rent the property.

Helene Meissner motioned to adjourn at 7:31 and Gayle Rogers seconded. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Charee Carney