

**NEWVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING OF MAY 11, 2017 AT 5:00PM**

The Newville Borough Council Community and Economic Development Committee held its regular monthly meeting on May 11, 2017 at 5:00PM in the Newville Borough Office, 4 West Street, Newville, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Becky Barrick at 5:00PM. On roll call, the following members were present: Dale Jumper and Becky Barrick. Also present were: Clarence Fry and Sara Jarrett.

Citizen Comments: None.

Minutes: The minutes of the April 13, 2017 regular monthly meeting were accepted without revision.

Old Business: The borough is waiting for a contract from the Shippensburg Swing Band for a Memorial Day concert to be held on Sunday, May 28, 2017. Also, a contract for the German Band to perform on a date in October. Sara Jarrett will follow up with Palmstown Church, Movement Outreach and the Big Spring Choir as to dates for their respective performances.

Talent night trophies and prizes were discussed. Suggestion was made to contact Joe Piper, Piper Advertising since he is a West Pennsboro Township businessman. Sara estimated a minimum of 12 trophies will be needed, along with 4 prizes.

The Facebook page is up and running thanks to Sara Jarrett and Mary Kuna. There have been 261 visits to the site, and 114 “likes”. Sara Jarrett commented that advertising is available through the site. A 28 day ad may appear at a cost of \$56.00. At \$2.00/day, an advertisement will be made available to 4,000 people.

New Business: The committee finalized plans for a first-time home buyer workshop on June 22, 2017 from 6:00PM to 8:00PM. Pat Mrkobrad of the Cumberland County Redevelopment Authority has provided material for the event, but is unable to participate due to health reasons.

Members discussed the creation of a housing development corporation to be operated by the Borough of Newville. The members asked Mr. Potzer to contact Christopher Gulotta for advice in the matter, and agreed to meet with Mr. Gulotta regarding a program to inspire home ownership within the borough, along with the acquisition and improvement of blighted properties.

It was noted that the Borough of Newville and Big Spring School District have discussed the possibility of bringing gas service to the industrial areas south of the borough in West Pennsboro and Penn Township. Mary Kuna of CAEDC presented an inquiry letter from UGI. Mr. Potzer will respond to the questions presented by UGI, with the assistance of Dr. Fry. Mr. Potzer suggested that the Western Cumberland COG might be a suitable forum for further discussion of plans to bring natural gas to western Cumberland county.

Sara Jarrett discussed several ideas for a Christmas holiday program. Items of interest include:

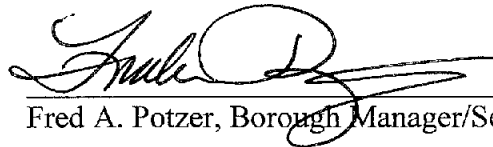
1. A Gingerbread house decorating contest.
2. A home decorating contest.
3. A holiday parade, timed for the latter part of November.
4. A holiday home tour, including churches and facilities at Green Ridge Village.
5. Santa Shops – promoting local artists, crafters, and business owners at the former Farmers National Bank office, 1 West Big Spring Ave.
6. A holiday movie night.
7. Visit with Santa at Movement Outreach.
8. Christmas tree and wreath sale at Laughlin Mill.
9. Rental of a Trolley for Christmas caroling throughout Newville.

CAEDC Report: Mary Kuna is enjoying her honeymoon vacation!

Comments from the Floor: None.

Adjournment: With no further business to come before the Newville Borough Council Community and Economic Development Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05PM. The next meeting will be held on June 8, 2017 at 5:00PM in the Borough Office.

Minutes recorded by:



Fred A. Potzer, Borough Manager/Secretary