

**NEWVILLE BOROUGH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JULY 20, 2022 AT 7:00PM**

The regular monthly meeting of the Newville Borough Economic Development Authority was held on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 7:00PM in the Newville Borough Office, 4 West Street, Newville, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Andrea Greene. The invocation was offered by Treasurer Kenneth Tuckey, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. On roll call, the following members were present: Richard Gobin, Vincent Mellott, Jeffrey Boudier Kenneth Tuckey and Andrea Greene. Also present: Solicitor Marcus A. McKnight, III, Esquire. Others present included Councilman Jack Ericksen, EDA Liaison to Council and Mary Kuna, Executive Director of the Cumberland County Housing and Redevelopment Authorities, Liz Knouse, Newville Historical Society.

Minutes: The minutes of the June 15, 2022 regular monthly meeting were approved on a motion of Mr. Boudier, seconded by Mr. Mellott. All were in favor. Motion was passed with three (5) affirmative and zero (0) negative votes.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Mr. Gobin, seconded by Mr. Boudier to approve the payment of an invoice from Irwin & McKnight, P.C., \$100, and to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. All were in favor. Motion was passed with five (5) affirmative and zero (0) negative votes.

Board and Staff Reports:

-Legal Matters: Solicitor McKnight explained he was scheduled to attend a public hearing for another municipality which conflicted with this meeting. He asked the Authority Board to name Matthew McKnight as the Assistant EDA Solicitor to ensure legal representation would in the future be available for all public meetings. A motion was made by Mr. Tuckey, seconded by Mr. Boudier to appoint Matthew McKnight as the Assistant. The motion was passed with five (5) affirmative and zero (0) negative votes.

-Borough Manager: North Corporation Street improvements are complete. New Enterprise Stone and Limestone has brought the project in under budget. A summary of the various borough and authority grant projects was presented.

Martin & Martin Inc. has completed the design and cost estimate for the Newville Trailhead Parking lot improvements. The cost estimate is within the allotted CDBG funds. The next step will be to complete the submission of a program amendment to the Redevelopment Authority to transfer the funds from the defunct Main Street project to the Trailhead. Borough Council will be meeting with CVRTC representatives on July 26, 2022 to finalize plans for a proposed seasonal bike rental shop and a small maintenance building.

The Newville Historical Society parking lot is not for sale. Plans are to use the lot for society events and fundraising. Parking rentals may be an option. The lot will remain available for borough and fire company events.

The county commissioners have been awarded \$49.1 million dollars in ARPA funds. They recently accepted applications for grants. A total of \$173 million dollars in grant requests were received. The commissioners are working through the applications and hope to announce awards in August.

-Prospect Hosting Committee: Liz Knouse is the newest member of the prospect hosting committee. Donna Hunter is representing the Carlisle Chamber in the absence of Michelle Crowley. The Carlisle Chamber hopes to announce a new Executive director very soon. Lisa Black from the Big Spring School District has been working to assign new interns to the EDA. Mr. Ericksen plans to attend an upcoming event of the Carlisle Chamber.

Old Business: Mary Kuna reported that the CCRA has been working to make grant funds available to county landlords. The funds will be loaned at a rate of less than 1% and may be used to fund improvements at rental units. A small landlord improvement fund is also being established. The goal is to increase affordable housing opportunities on a county-wide basis. The county Blighted Property Review Board has been active in receiving referrals from local municipalities. She outlined how this program works to eliminate blight. The county demolition grant program has also started to fund projects. This includes the full or partial demolition of blighted properties. The program is also open to local governments with funding up to \$50,000 available.


Liz Knouse reported on the events of the Newville Historical Society which has now reopened and is back to holding public hours and open board meetings. The officers of the society have reorganized.

New Business: Members discussed plans for a Newville EDA mixer for all existing Newville business owners as well as potential new business owners. Possible locations for a fall event include Green Hall at Green Ridge Village and the new Whiskers Brewery. The cost of the event will be evaluated and more information may follow at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Mellott, seconded by Mr. Gobin to authorize the submission of a grant to the Commonwealth Financing Agency for a \$50,000 Keystone Communities Program Grant to be used to fund façade and micro grants for new and existing businesses. All were in favor. Motion was passed with five (5) affirmative and zero (0) negative votes.

Adjournment: With no further business to come before Newville Borough Economic Development Authority, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM. The next meeting of the Newville Borough Economic Development Authority will be held on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 7:00PM in the Newville Borough Office.

Minutes recorded by:



Fred A. Potzer, Borough Manager