

AUGUST 22, 2012  
WAYNESBORO, PA 17268  
MEETING RE: DOWNTOWN GRANT

Council President Jason Stains called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Council Members – Benjamin Greenawalt, Craig Newcomer, Jason Stains, Wayne Driscoll and Michael Cermak (Darrel Potts was absent)

Mayor Richard Starliper

Borough Staff – Lloyd R. Hamberger, II, Borough Manager  
Denny Benshoff, Maintenance Superintendent  
Dan Sheffler, Zoning-Code Enforcement Officer  
Kevin Grubbs, Head of Engineering Services  
Sam Wiser, Borough Solicitor (Salzmann Hughes, PC)  
Jason Cohen, Assistant Borough Manager  
Mike Bock, Police Sergeant

President Stains noted that DCED regulations require an attendance sheet of the meeting, and he requested that individuals who have not yet signed the sheet, do so at this time. (A copy of the attendance sheet is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.)

Mr. Stains continued ... “the meeting was called to present and seek public comment on Mainstreet Waynesboro’s plans to submit a request for an Exit Grant under the Department of Community and Economic Development’s Keystone Communities/Mainstreet Program. Waynesboro is a nationally designated Main Street community and a member of the Pennsylvania Downtown Center. The \$60,000 Exit Grant request is an extension of MSW’s six-year participation in DCED’s Mainstreet Program. The two-year grant, matched by community financial support, will be used to sustain operations in support of MSW’s mission to promote economic development, assist in implementation of the Borough’s Downtown Master Plan, and to continue revitalization efforts in the Downtown. Following the public meeting and based on the input received, Waynesboro Borough Council will be asked to approve submission of the MSW grant application to the Pennsylvania DCED.

Patrick E. Fleagle, Director of Economic Development for Mainstreet Waynesboro – Mr. Fleagle’s testimony follows:

“Mainstreet Waynesboro has matured to the extent that the initial five-year contract that DCED has had with the Borough of Waynesboro is expiring and our organization is eligible to participate in what is commonly called an exit grant, in which DCED will match up to \$60,000 in a segregated sustainability account. Throughout the last six months, Mainstreet has been very meticulously saving its funds to deposit whatever monies were available to increase this funding to obtain the maximum amount. This public meeting is one of the requirements to enter into the two-year exit grant contract. As you can see from our application, Mainstreet has chosen to use these monies for administrative funding over that period, mainly because it is easily accounted for. Frankly, that funding over two (2) years is a small percentage of overall costs. The process of becoming a self-sustaining operation has meant that Mainstreet Waynesboro has had to build other relationships that will free them from state coffers. Memberships, sponsorships and strategic alliances with partners such as the Waynesboro Industrial Development Corporation has allowed us to move ever closer to that independence. These alliances have also broadened the scope of Mainstreet to allow us to be a leading force in Economic

Development in the entire Waynesboro School District and has helped foster relationships with Franklin County development entities, and even nearby out-of-state entities such as Pen Mar Redevelopment, that are crucial to a regional economy.

The Borough certainly has been a critical partner and our organization has been a tool that the Borough has supported to action not only the Downtown Master Plan, but also the Joint Comprehensive Plan. We look forward to continuing this relationship and to build even greater alliances to foster economic development and a quality of life in a region of our county that is often overlooked.

We would be more than happy to answer any questions that the Borough Council or any members of the public may have about our operations or exit grant application.”

Hearing no questions or comments, the meeting closed at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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