

MINUTES
Cambria County Planning Commission
November 21, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the CCPC was held on Thursday, November 21, 2019, at 12 noon, at Kosta's Restaurant, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Mr. Rovansek.

PRESENT

Ronald M. Rovansek
Eric Wolf
James White
Diane Waksmunski
Russell Kiel
Rev. Sylvia King
Lonnie Batdorf
Debra Orner

ABSENT

Toni-Renee Anderson

STAFF

Ethan C. Imhoff
Katie Kinka
Shanna M. Sosko
Colleen A. Bukowski

GUESTS

Art Martynuska, Deputy EMA Director
Steve Kocsis, GIS Director

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. White, seconded by Ms. Waksmunski, the minutes of the October 17, 2019 CCPC meeting were approved. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Imhoff read the November Financial Statement, noting that funds remaining from the 2018-2019 UPWP will be available until June, 2020. There being no questions or comments on the report, Mr. Wolf made a motion that the Treasurer's Report, including expenses listed for payment, be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Batdorf and passed unanimously.

GOOD NEWS ROUNDTABLE

Topics shared during this portion of the meeting included the planning of an Emergency Preparedness Seminar in the Johnstown region; completion of several roadway/utility projects in Carrolltown; new business ventures in Northern Cambria; PA DEP grant award for purchase of recycling vehicle; development of a meadowlands/habitat area at Sandyvale Cemetery; and upcoming holiday events in Johnstown.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Imhoff stated that there was no correspondence to be read at this meeting.

At this time, Mr. Imhoff introduced Mr. Art Martynuska, Deputy Director of Cambria County Department of Emergency Services, and Mr. Steve Kocsis, Cambria County GIS Specialist. Mr. Martynuska provided insight on the upcoming update to the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan. He stated that preparation of the plan will be completed by EMA staff, facilitated by a PEMA grant. Stressing the importance of the plan, Mr. Martynuska stated that his office will coordinate with every municipality in the county to determine mitigation measures which have been completed since the previous plan update. Mr. Kocsis indicated that GIS staff will be heavily involved in the plan update, identifying local and community assets important in a disaster situation. Mr. Imhoff also offered CCPC staff assistance with regard to demographic data which may be required for the update.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Rovansek stated that there was no "Old Business" to discuss at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Imhoff provided a brief overview of transportation planning activities scheduled through the 2020-2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). He noted that federal and state funding through the UPWP is the Commission's main source of revenue. Mr. Imhoff indicated that the Commission's transportation planner will facilitate further discussion regarding the UPWP at a future CCPC meeting.

Providing an update on the Johnstown Housing Strategy, Mr. Imhoff reported that data collection which will assist in the analysis of market demand and housing supply has been initiated. He stated that in an effort to assess demand for market rate housing in the downtown area, a survey has been developed and distributed to area employers. Results of the survey will be an integral part of the strategy development.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Rovansek. The motion was seconded by Mr. White and passed unanimously.