

MINUTES
Cambria County Planning Commission
December 19, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the CCPC was held on Thursday, December 19, 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
Christopher D. Allison
Katie Kinka
Shanna M. Sosko
Colleen A. Bukowski

Commission Chair noted that an Executive Session had been held prior to this meeting to discuss personnel matters. All members present at this meeting were also in attendance during the Executive Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Wolf, the minutes of the November 21, 2019 CCPC meeting were approved. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The December Financial Statement was presented by Mr. Imhoff. He briefly reviewed the expenses listed for payment approval and noted that the Accounts Receivable reflects PennDOT approval of the transfer of funds remaining in the 2018-19 UPWP to the current program year. There being no questions or comments on the report, Mr. Batdorf made a motion that the Treasurer's Report, including expenses listed for payment, be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. White and passed unanimously.

Noting that discussion during the Executive Session focused on the 2020 budget, Mr. Wolf made a motion to approve a 3% cost-of-living adjustment to all staff salaries, effective January 1, 2020 as well as merit payments to staff totaling \$12,200, disbursed as discussed and approved during the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Batdorf and passed unanimously.

GOOD NEWS ROUNDTABLE

Mr. Imhoff suggested that any comments to be offered during the Good News Roundtable be held until the January CCPC meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

STATUS REPORTS

Mr. Imhoff stated that there would be no oral presentation of monthly status reports at today's meeting. He did, however, apprise the members of a recent discussion with Ms. Jennie Granger, Deputy Secretary for Multimodal Transportation, regarding the possibility of securing funding for an engineering analysis of the Johnstown Train Station. He explained that an engineering analysis will identify needed improvements and related cost estimates so that funding avenues can be investigated to rehabilitate the facility. Mr. Imhoff stated that Deputy Secretary Granger was receptive to the project and requested a formal funding application from Johnstown Area Heritage Association, current owner of the structure. Mr. Imhoff stated that Planning Commission staff will assist in moving this initiative forward.

Ms. Kinka briefly updated those present on the Johnstown Housing Strategy, stating that a survey of area professionals regarding interest in living in the CBD and types of housing that would attract individuals to the downtown has garnered 147 responses to date. She also stated that recent activity has focused on potential market rate residential rehabilitation projects and the need for public and private subsidies to assist in the initial phases of renovating/developing housing in the downtown.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Chris Allison, Transportation Planner, facilitated a presentation and discussion on the development of the 2020-2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). He explained the funding mechanisms of the program, provided an overview of activities to be completed under each task/subtask of the program, and outlined the time frame for development/adoption of the UPWP.

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.