

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Downtown Newark
Special Improvement District Board of Trustees
Held at Newark City Hall Council Chambers
40 West Main Street, Newark, OH 43055

November 11, 2019

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees and Members of the Downtown Newark Special Improvement District (SID) was held at the Midland Theatre on Wednesday, November 11, 2019. Trustees present were Cheri Hottinger, Steve Layman, Phil Claggett, Veronica Patton, Chase Ghiloni and David Rhodes. Several SID members were present.

Call To Order

Mr. Layman opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m., welcomed all who were in attendance, and noted a quorum was present.

Election

Layman introduced SID election consultant, Shannon Fergus as well as SID election candidate, Chase Ghiloni. Ghiloni stood and spoke regarding his prior two-year term and thanked SID members for the opportunity to serve. Layman asked for a motion to elect Ghiloni to another term which he will serve for three years. Dan Delawder made a motion to close out the election and vote for Ghiloni, Sarah Wallace seconded, and the motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No comments from the public on agenda items.

Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the October 10, 2019, SID meeting were reviewed. Mrs. Patton made a motion to approve, Mr. Rhodes seconded, and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand as of October 31, 2019 - \$106,894.28 in checking. There was no Income for the month. Expenses totaled \$6483.92 for the month and consisted of \$2258.17 for Parking Enforcement and \$3531.12 for Safety Patrol. Printing notice for Annual Meeting in Noontime News was \$65.00, SID Conference

expense was \$44.24. Other expenses totaled \$945.39 and consisted of \$165.39- candy for Safe Trick or Treat on the Square, and \$780.00- glow necklaces for attendees of the Courthouse Lighting.

Balance sheet and Profit and Loss Statement are attached. Mr. Rhodes made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Ghiloni, the motion carried.

Other Business

2020 Draft Budget

The proposed 2020 budget is attached for review and will be adopted at the December meeting. There were no comments from the membership regarding the proposed budget.

SID Web Domain and Google Suite (email address) Cost

Mr. Ghiloni has purchased the domain downtownnewarksid.com as well as the email address info@downtownnewarksid.com in order to receive user feedback from the SID page on WeDigNewark.com. Mr. Ghiloni paid for these expenses out of pocket and has asked that the SID reimburse him a total cost of 84.00 per year (12.00 per year for the SID domain and 6.00 per month for the email address). Mrs. Hottinger moved to approve this reimbursement, and Mr. Rhodes Seconded. The motion carried.

Request From City of Newark

Roger Loomis from the City of Newark has requested an additional \$2000.00 for additional temporary help with SID cleanup in 2019. Mrs. Patton made a motion to approve, Mr. Claggett seconded, and the motion carried.

Jeff Hotchkiss and Mark Patznick

In appreciation for all of their hard work keeping the SID beautiful, Jeff Hotchkiss and Mark Patznick were each presented with an image of the SID flower baskets, signed by the SID Trustees.

Safety Patrol

Fred Ernest noted that safety patrol has increased for the Courthouse lighting and the SID is sponsoring additional patrol for the outer SID areas.

Citizen Comments

Jerry Swank from the Swank Law Firm noted that he has not seen safety patrol. Fred Ernest explained that the patrol runs later at night. Most needed

during the hours of 10pm and 5am. Layman noted that if there are safety issues elsewhere to please let us know and we will address.

Fred Ernest noted that the SID really showed us off at the recent Heritage Ohio Conference in Downtown Newark. Mayor Hall noted that he received a lot of great feedback about our downtown area from attendees as well as a lot of interest in the [way we are running our] SID.

Shannon Fergus noted that Newark is leading the way with this SID and it is one of the most successful that she has worked with.

Dan Delawder noted that the SID has exceeded his expectations and noted a job well done.

Layman encourages any feedback from SID members and noted that it is critical for people to feel safe. If anyone ever questions safety, please let us know.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Next meeting will be December 11th at 5:00 p.m. at Newark Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,
Chase Ghiloni, Secretary

