



Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 21st, 2020
12:00 PM Shamrock Restaurant
Minutes

PRESENT

Greg Shepherd, Jeremiah Taylor, Chase Conner, Ila Parker, Judy Wobbleton, Brenda Holliday, Bobby Holliday, Gemma Martin John O'Daniel, Cameron Braddy, Zach Dickerson

CALL TO ORDER

Greg Shepherd called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM

INVOCATION

Greg Shepherd gave the invocation.

MINUTES

The minutes of the September meeting were reviewed. No objections or changes were heard. Jeremiah motioned to accept the minutes, Judy seconded. All in favor, minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jeremiah gave the financial report- we received a support check from the Williamston Woman's Club for \$500.00

Our ending balance is \$18,134.83

CDBG UPDATE

- a. The Patriot House has floors down in the building, the grant funds are nearly all paid out. They are holding out for the last payment to see how all the bills will add up.
- b. The Town received State assistance of \$43,000 to aide in the demolition of the Mitchell Building on Main St. They are currently in the process of accepting demolition contractor bids. Next week the Town Board will vote to approve a contractor, and then work can begin. We anticipate the building to be down by the end of the year, hopefully sooner.

Downtown Cleanup Day

- a. We had a good turnout for last Saturday's downtown cleanup day, with about 13 volunteers. Zach led the trash pickup group, who gathered in total 4 full bags of trash from Main St., Washington St. and the Town parking lots behind both sides of Main St.

- b. Chase led the project in clearing out the greenspace at 140 W Main. Jeremiah worked Friday and Saturday with a chainsaw to cut down the majority of the brush that lined the space on both sides, and nearly all of the rest of the cleanup work was completed Saturday morning. A landscaper will need to come in and remove the roots and level out the space.
- c. More on the above project, the Chamber of Commerce will be selling bricks to help fundraise and then recognize sponsors when the project is complete. They are \$75/brick with text, \$100/brick with text and logo. They will also have 11 garden boxes that spell out Williamston; it is \$250.00 to adopt a garden box.

Barnes Plaza Mural Plaque

- a. Miller's Sport and Trophies quoted \$604.96 for the plaque and stand on which to mount it. The plaque lists each sponsor and Mike Bennett as the artist. This does not include installation. Jeremiah made a motion to order the plaque at the above mentioned cost, Brenda seconded, all in favor. Zach will place the order with Miller's.

Fall Main Street Market and Scavenger Hunt

- a. Next Thursday, 10/29, we will have our final Main Street Market of the year. This event will run from 5pm until around 6:30. Normally, the Fall Market has trick-or-treating at each vendor booth, but this year we are doing things a little differently. Zach is working on designing a downtown scavenger hunt. The hunt will have 6 stations with a token at each station (and hand sanitizer)- when the kids complete the scavenger hunt and bring all 6 tokens back, we will give them a pre-bagged candy package.

OTHER UPDATES

- a. Greg updated us on the 108 W Main project under the Committee of 100's umbrella, for which their lawyer is still researching the deed. The Town is planning on helping fund the roof replacement on the building, for which the end goal is a business-ready shell building.
- b. Cakes by Becky applied for student interns with RISE29 to help them work on logistics as they expand their business and to help them write their business plan.

MARTIN COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

- a. The Katie Lubbock show will be up through 10/30.
- b. The Christmas Market will open 11/12 and run through 12/22. It will be held upstairs in the Arts Council building.
- c. The MCAC is participating in the Pitt Community College Down East Virtual Art Show- this will help bring their new Etsy store traffic.

EJ HAYES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Not present for this meeting.

MARTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE- Small Business Center.

Not present for this meeting.

WOMAN'S CLUB

No major updates.

FRIENDS OF THE OLD COURTHOUSE

- a. The ornaments are here, they need to be signed- they will go on sale 11/1.
- b. On 12/13, the Martin County Historical Society is planning a tour of different historic spots in town- the Old Courthouse will be a spot on the trail. Down at the Moratoc building they will have local vendors.

MARTIN COUNTY TOURISM

Not present for this meeting.

DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

Brenda motioned to adjourn the meeting, Judy seconded, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:55.