

Browntown Community Center Association Meeting

May 9th, 2022 7:30pm

In attendance- John Bell, Denny Pennington, Patsy Pennington, Martha Buracker, Cheryl Cullers, Jan Haines, Jackie Hodgkiss, Stacie Mikels, George Hodgkiss, Linda Glavis, Mary McLaughlin, Allan Brockway, Brian Conley, Eleanor Bourgoin, Ian Fisher, Brian Wilkinson, Warren McCormick, Denny Pennington, Patsy Pennington, Marianne Thomas, Roxanne Campbell, Martha Buracker, Chris Anderson, Adam Sobotka, Anna Sobotka, James Sylvester, Joanne Koszyk, Mark Koszyk, Tom Lacombe, Maggie O'Brien, Lara Murray.

Call to order- by John Bell at 7:32pm.

Approval of Minutes- Stacie Mikels read the minutes and all in favor. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report- Jackie read the financials for last month and went over financials from last month.

Beginning balance- \$33,332.04

Income- \$10,869.00

Expenses- \$5,059.15

Net balance- \$39,141.89

The Redbud Festival was a huge success. \$8,090.83 profit from the Redbud Festival alone.

Motion made to accept Treasurer's Report.

Trustee's Report- No current business.

Scheduling Report-

Center is rented May 15, May 20, May 21, May 28, June 4.

June 6th- Visioning Workshop 7:30pm at the Community Center.

September 24th- BEARR Community Safety Day

History & Preservation Club Report- Tom LaCombe reported that chapters keep getting added and the book is coming along.

Ways & Means Committee Report- Next Yard Sale is scheduled for June 17th and 18th from 10am-2pm.

Gooney Valley History Club- Tom LaCombe reported that October 21st will be sponsoring an event with the Piedmont Heritage Group. Dale Corey will be telling about the celebrations surrounding the Revolutionary War get-togethers and how Browntown ties in.

There is a new curator at the Warren Heritage Society. Group is focusing on the 18th century and the curator is going to help with this mission.

BOS report/remarks- Cheryl Cullers reported that the Broadband contracts have been submitted and accepted. Should start moving soon. Todd Jones (IT Director) is supposed to work with several cell providers to help.

Culvert replacement is still scheduled for the first part of June. Cheryl will give everyone the heads up for when Browntown Road will be detoured.

BEARR report- Brian Wilkerson reported that there has been a preliminary disbandment of Station 3. They are focused on safety and are hoping for more clarification on this.

Joanne Kozysk spoke about "Stop the Bleed," an initiative for people to learn and be trained about stopping bleeding. This will happen at some point in June, so Joanne will send Jackie for the newsletter to see if there is interest.

Old Business Report-

Shed- Jackie spoke about ordering a shed or building an addition on the building. She would like a vote tonight. We really have 3 options: Stand alone building, build a pole barn or building an addition. The other option is using the fire station temporarily. Martha reported that building permits are 30-45 days out. Mark reported that we need to make a pros and cons list for each option. We really need to understand the pros and cons for each option before making informed decisions. Allan reported that part of the ceiling has collapsed in the sub station. Unfortunately, that takes the sub-station out of being an option. John stated that there is not a consensus on what type of building and if it's even necessary. More accurate information is needed. Mary McLaughlin made a motion for a special meeting to occur in 2 weeks to discuss this issue. Motion withdrawn and this issue is tabled for the next meeting. The next meeting will include a vote on this issue.

Mark made a motion for a letter to be sent by John Bell to acknowledge that the BEARR committee is officially a standing committee with the BCCA. John agreed to send the letter.

Jerry Maitatico came to the BCCA to be our guest speaker. There has been a proposal to disband Station 3. He is not really ready to speak officially on this matter. He wanted to speak in terms of the emergency services in the Browntown area. John asked what the plan is for the future of South Warren and the Browntown area. Jerry spoke on the fact that we are in a unique area. South Warren has the largest response area out of all the areas in the area. Lowest call volume in the county as well. Since the area has a lot of farmland that has been sold off and development is happening in this area. Looking at challenges in the area and they recognize the population is changing. South Warren has received paid staff and still has volunteers. The

current response data has faster response times than 7 years ago. South Warren, Rivermont and Front Royal are all staffed 24 hours per day. They are continuing to evaluate the emergency response in the area. They are really looking for more volunteers so the volunteer firefighters are able to just do the running of the calls. Auxiliary Volunteers are needed for fundraising. Jerry would like to come back and do a presentation before the next meeting to explain how the response system works for our area. Some vigorous discussion happened regarding Station 3. John tabled the rest of the discussion to the meeting next month.

New Business-

Browntown Substation ceiling has fallen in. Tom Lacombe made a suggestion and Mary McLaughlin made a motion that the Trustee's may spend \$1,000 temporarily. Motion accepted.

June 13th is our next meeting and the Fire Department will present at 6:30pm, one hour before the actual BCCA Meeting.

Edwin Wright raised the question about 4th of July and fireworks. Manor Line is willing to sponsor the fireworks. Will place this under old business for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08pm

Signed,

Stacie Mikels

BCCA Secretary