

Minutes Board for April 15, 2015 Arlington BID board meeting

Location: 39 Collegeview Avenue

Attendance: Michelle Morrill, Bob Legacy, Rhianna Mirabello, Myrna Sadowsky, Sgt. Gary Hulbert, Bryan Swarthout, Ann Shershin, Jon Vincitore

- 1) Quarterly report on budget: The only overture of expenses for the first quarter of the budget year was for snow removal. This item will be addressed when we formulate the 2016 budget. I have attached our expenses for the first quarter. Expenses are listed in red. As part of special projects, we have paid \$2,945 half of the cost for the kiosk for the corner of Fulton Street and Raymond Avenue. This money will come out of surplus funds from past budget years.
- 2) Tax Reimbursement: Paper work has been submitted for deposit of tax money (\$57,500.00) into BID account. This will occur in the near future.
- 3) The board discussed the proposal that was submitted to Arlington Central School for the selling the Arthur May School property. Board was in agreement that this use of the property for a big box store was not in the best interest of the BID. It would not enhance our vision of small unique stores and businesses. Todd Tancredi the town supervisor send an e-mail to Mr. Finnerman the real estate agent on the town's view. Todd's e-mail explains the proposal doesn't fit into the Arlington Town Center concept. I have shared e-mails with all board members. Apparently there are other offers for this property. The development of this property is important but needs to adhere to the Town Center guidelines.
- 4) Review of CFA:
 - A) Report on walk of Main Street: On Friday, April 10th the following people walked Main Street to see what the view is presently, Jim Challey, Bob Legacy, Myrna Sadowsky, Jon Vincitore, Bob Ostertag, and Ann Shershin. Our walk indicated needed repairs of sidewalks in some areas, façade improvements for some businesses, buildings in need of repair or taking down, and vacant store fronts in need of tenants. We met after our walk at Jon's store to discuss what we saw and ideas for improving Main Street.
 - 1) Need to make sidewalks and cross walks safe for pedestrians.
 - 2) More appealing landscaping to enhance visual appearance.
 - 3) Funding to encourage renovation of store facades.
 - 4) Marketing Main Street to encourage new businesses and keep the ones presently there.
 - 5) Sell upgrading of Main Street to landlords.
 - 6) Increase number of residential units in Town Center
 - 7) Coordination of communication between town, state and county.
 - B) Meeting of CFA committee for Friday, April 17th: with Ron Hicks and John Clarke from Dutchess County Economic Development team: The following people met today with Mr. Hicks and John Clarke from the county; Bob Legacy, Jon Vincitore, Myrna Sadowsky, Bryan Swarthout, Sgt. Gary Hulbert and Jim Challey. Town supervisor, Todd Tancredi attended also. Mr. Hicks discussed the county has proposal for transportation from water front to Raymond Avenue. This would tie in Main Street development in city and town. Bid members discussed starting projects here as we are willing partners to move forward. Mr. Hicks explained it is important the revitalization of Main Street benefit both municipalities. We have been encouraged to develop our own CFA for the town portion of Main Street. We will

meet in the next two weeks for a brain storming session to start the process forward. From our meeting this morning the county will do a review of our sidewalks of Main Street in the BID for possible federal funding for repairs.

- 5) **Clean up of BID sidewalks:** Sunday, April 12th the sidewalks and gutters were cleaned. Main street along had most of the 15 bags of garbage. We will hire teens to clean the sidewalks and gutters every several weeks. Several properties on Main Street need to clean breaks between their Buildings. The town supervisor has told me when we clean from now on, we can use town dumpsters to get rid of garbage if there are a lot of bags. If there are many bags, he will have town highway department take them away.
- 6) **Law Enforcement Day June 6th and JDRF walk:** The BID and Town of Poughkeepsie Police PBA will sponsor the second Law Enforcement and Youth Awareness Day. There will be free activities and refreshments for the youth and families. There will be agencies who work with families and youth present to give out information on services available in the Poughkeepsie area. We also hope to have a fund raiser walk for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation through the BID area.
- 7) **Summer Concert series:** We are looking for bands to perform. The dates are Wednesday, June 24th, July 15th, August 12th, 26, September 16th, 30th and October 14th. If you know groups who want to perform please have them contact Derrick Delise at 917-993-1200. The pay is \$100.00 to \$150.00 per concert.

Submitted by: Robert Legacy

Recording secretary