Minutes for Arlington BID Meeting

July 26, 2023

Attendance: Jay Baisley, Sgt. Pat Berry, Jason Burt, Ross Hardisty, Bob Legacy, Rhianna Mirabello, Michelle Morrill, Jacob Reckess, Ann Shershin, Dr. Adam Silverman, Bryan Swarthout, Jon Vincitore, and Jed Bonnem and Robert Wachtel from Ready Coffee.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the June meeting was read. Bryan Swarthout made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Rhianna Mirabello seconded the motion, and it passed 11 to 0.

**Ready Coffee:** Jed Bonnem and Robert Wachtel made a presentation on Ready Coffee and discussed the possibility of placing one in the empty parking lot across Fairmont Street from the former Frontera restaurant. This parking lot was created when Fairmont and Taft were extended. They believe this is a feasible location for a Ready Coffee. They currently have 3 locations and planning on adding locations in Hyde Park and Middletown. The Wappingers location was opened 4 years ago. They roast their own coffee and have been voted best coffee in the Hudson Valley for 3 years. The owners of the parking lot approached them about locating a Ready Coffee there. It would have a drive thru and a walk up with one entrance off Fairmont Avenue. They provide service in an average of 45 seconds and plan to have a 10 car stack on the lot. There will be a traffic study. They are open from 5 am to 9 pm and the busiest times are not during rush hour.

**Budget:** We may need to have property insurance for the Christmas decoration stored by the old Highway Department in the old town hall, valued at $60,000. We have 2 days a week with Recycle Depot.

**Zoning:** The clean up of Tony’s Pizza Pit is scheduled to begin on August 28. A demolition permit needs to applied for. The former Formosa restaurant on Main Street still need to clean up vegetation blocking the sidewalk. The town could do the clean up as an emergency.

**Event Planner/Assistant:** We need to look for someone to help with the farmers’ market and events. Bob Legacy will look into the budget to see how much we could pay an assistant. Bob Legacy will write a job description for the assistant and a list of his job duties. We discussed who could pick up the trash.

**Trash:** We discussed getting a camera for the trash receptacle on Main Street. Household trash is being left there.

**Master Plan:** Bob Legacy will check with the county as to their plans for Main Street redesign.

**Trash Pick Up:** Michelle Morrill described a program in New York City called Men in Blue, where the disadvantaged are paid to pick up trash.

**Events:** We discussed doing a social event in the fall, perhaps doing a breakfast. We asked for this to be included in the next month’s agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Shershin