

Minutes for Arlington BID Annual and Regular Meeting
October 23, 2024

Attendance: Lt. Patrick Barry, Elizabeth Garza, Ross Hardisty, Jimmy McBride, Rhianna Mirabello, Michelle Morrill, Danny Petrizzo, Jacob Reckess, Ann Shershin, Dr. Adam Silverman, Tonya Speed, Bryan Swarthout, and Scott Travis (Mid Hudson Construction Management).

Annual Meeting: Bryan Swarthout made a motion to open the annual meeting, Dr. Adam Silverman seconded the motion, and the motion passed, 7 to 0. Meeting was opened at 9:07 a.m.

The paper ballots for the property owners' board members election were opened and counted. The count revealed that Jon Vincitore received 11 votes, Ross Hardisty received 10 votes, and Dr. Satish Modi received 1 vote. Jon Vincitore and Ross Hardisty return to the BID board for another 2-year term.

Rebecca Edwards has determined that she is both the supervisor and chief financial officer for the Town of Poughkeepsie and will only have one seat of the Arlington BID board. This leaves 2 seats open for business owners. The business owners' email ballots were reported and there were 9 votes for Elizabeth Garza and 7 votes for Stephen VanOstrand. Elizabeth Garza and Stephen Van Ostrand are welcomed to the BID board for a 2-year term.

We discussed the email list and whether to continue using Mail Chimp for elections.

Dr. Adam Silverman made a motion to close the annual meeting, Bryan Swarthout seconded the motion, and the motion passed, 8 to 0.

Regular Meeting: Danny Petrizzo made a motion to open the regular meeting, Bryan Swarthout seconded the motion, and the motion passed, 8 to 0. Meeting was opened at 9:25 a.m.

Minutes: Minutes from the September meeting were read. Bryan Swarthout made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Rhianna Mirabello seconded the motion, and it passed, 8 to 0.

Farm Market: The farm market tomorrow is moving to the Garden Arts Space.

Holiday Festival: The Craft Fair at the Civil Center is on the same date so there are fewer vendors available for out festival. The vendors will be located on a closed section of Lagrange Avenue.

Executive Session: Bryan Swarthout made a motion to enter executive session, Dr. Adam Silverman seconded the motion, and the motion passed, 8 to 0. Persons not on the board left the room and executive session began at 9:34 a.m. Matters of the 501(c)(3), reorganizing the committees, and hiring a new director were discussed. Ross Hardisty made a motion to end the executive session, Bryan Swarthout seconded the motion, and the motion passed, 8 to 0. Executive session ended at 9:54 a.m.

Director: Bryan Swarthout made a motion to offer the position of BID director to Tonya Speed at a salary of \$28,000 per year. Dr. Adam Silverman seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 abstained.

Election of Officers: Jacob Reckess made a motion to nominate Ross Hardisty as president, Dr. Adam Silverman as vice president, Bryan Swarhout as treasurer, and Ann Shershin as secretary, Danny Petrizzo seconded the motion and the motion passed with of vote of 8 to 0.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 27, and will only be on zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Shershin