

**Glens Falls Business Improvement District
Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2019**

Members in Attendance

Dan Burke
Tom O'Neill
Jeff Mead

Kathleen Naftaly
Tyler Herrick
Gregory Moore

Kate Austin-Avon
Michael Bittel

Members Excused:

Elizabeth Miller
Michael Kaidas
Peter Hoffman

Guests in Attendance:

Amy Collins

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 am by Dan Burke, President

CURRENT BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Tyler Herrick, second by Kathy Naftaly to approve the minutes from December 18, 2018 and January 22, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Jeff Mead presented the treasurer's report detailing the monthly expense/revenues. Mr. Mead notes the BID has paid the monthly landscaping invoice as well as a term loan payment in February.

Mr. Mead presents a new BID invoice regarding the 2017-18 Monthly Maintenance Contract with landscaper Jim Girard. This vendor has reported a discrepancy in the 2017 and 2018 billing and has requested the BID remit past payment of \$5750.00 A motion to approve payment of this invoice was made by Michael Bittel, second by Thomas O'Neill and carried unanimously.

Approval of Treasurer's report: was approved on a motion by Tyler Herrick, second by Kathy Naftaly. Motion carried unanimously.

Glens Falls Collaborative Update:

BID members discuss they are looking for a plan of action to inquire with local store owners about extending their hours during events. Members exchange concepts and possible incentives on how to encourage the owners, and will report back to discussion with Collaborative Members.

Decorating Committee:

Tyler Herrick reports on behalf of the decorating committee stating the BID has spoken with city representatives about the removal of tree lighting. This will be executed April 1, 2019. Mr. Herrick discusses the need to repair electric housing cases, and plans to survey the area with The Queensbury Hotel electrician. Mr. Herrick will report back with inventory on what is in need of repair.

Michael Bittel discusses a proposal to the city about the city banner directive, stating there is no rules or regulations in effect currently. Mr. Bittel states he will inquire with Saratoga Springs city representatives about their current banner regulations and will report back in April.

Dan Burke also reports on behalf of the decorating committee noting that many park benches and trash cans throughout the district are weathered and are in need of repair. Thomas O'Neill states he will look at the park benches and check with manufacturer for repair materials.

Queensbury Hotel:

Tyler Herrick reported the hotel has had an amazing, busy winter with consistent growth in occupancy. He mentions the summer months are progressing quickly with many events on the calendar. Mr. Herrick discusses the wedding occupancy has increased for 2019 averaging about 100 people and hopes to expand the Adirondack Room

to accommodate larger weddings. The hotel has already booked 23 weddings for the year. Mr. Herrick reports the renovations are going well and have only 25-30 rooms left to restore.

Crandall Library:

Kathy Naftaly reported they are gearing up for summer reading programs and are happy to have new furniture!

ARCC:

Michael Bittel reports on behalf of the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce discussing the recent Heroin Summit event at the Queensbury Hotel. The summit invited Saratoga, Washington and Warren county patrons to an informational luncheon to bring awareness of the challenges of heroin use in our region. Mr. Bittel states we are working with local not-for-profit organizations who are in support, and that the ARCC is the first city chamber in the country to host without federal funding.

ACCC:

Jeff Mead reports on behalf of the Adirondack Civic Center Coalition stating that the Cool Insuring Arena had a great turnout for Section II Basketball tournament with over 15,000 attendees. Mr. Mead notes the Adirondack Hockey team is also doing well, discussing the recent 'Stick it to Cancer Weekend' had raised over \$26,000 for cancer research.

Mr. Mead also reports the Adirondack Hockey Coalition has been confirmed for August 2019, including sessions with Thunder Coaches and Players. The camp has already had great interest, selling out the first session almost immediately.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn by Tyler Herrick and seconded by Michael Bittel. The meeting adjourned at 9:09 am.

NEXT MEETING: April 16, 2019 at 8 am at The Queensbury Hotel.

Please plan to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,
Victoria Beagle