

**Glens Falls Business Improvement District
Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2020**

Members in Attendance

Daniel Burke
Michael Bittel
Jeff Mead

Tyler Herrick
Gregory Moore
Michael Kaidas
Peter Hoffman

Thomas O'Neill
Kathleen Naftaly
Kate Austin-Avon

Guests in Attendance:

Christopher Ristau

Robin Barkenhagen

Amy Collins

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 am by Dan Burke, President

CURRENT BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Kate Austin-Avon, second by Kathy Naftaly to approve the minutes from November 17, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Jeff Mead presented the treasurer's report detailing the monthly expense/revenues. Mr. Mead notes the BID has expensed the monthly landscaping invoice for Jim Girard, as well as the monthly term loan payment.

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

Glens Falls Collaborative Update:

Robin Barkenhagen reports on behalf of the GF Collaborative discussing they had great success with the Hometown Holidays event. He notes the Santa Parade was well liked by both parents and children, and they hope to incorporate this every year following. Mr. Barkenhagen mentions there were 52 letters to Santa picked up this year, along with over 700 votes in for the Holiday House Contest. He notes the city did a great job with video presentation of the tree lighting ceremony despite COVID-19 restrictions.

Mr. Barkenhagen moves on to discuss the Glens Falls Collaborative memberships for 2021, stating some members have requested a discount on membership fees. He is encouraging all to renew and will be offering payment plans. Mr. Barkenhagen notes the Collaborative wants everyone to stay involved despite not having events this year due to COVID-19. He hopes the vaccine will have events back to normal by this summer and is excited to move forward.

Holiday Lights/Decorations:

Daniel Burke discusses DPW did a great job with lighting and decorations this season. He notes all lights throughout the city are working and look great.

Mr. Burke had paid for lighting on one additional tree and asks for reimbursement from the BID. A motion to accept this reimbursement expense was made by Jeff Mead, second by Kate Austin-Avon and carried unanimously.

2021 BID Budget:

Daniel Burke opens discussion on the 2021 BID Budget. A motion to accept the budget was made by Tyler Herrick, second by Michael Kaidas and carried unanimously.

Communication Committee:

Nothing to report.

Warren Street Fountain Project:

Daniel Burke reports on behalf of the Fountain Committee, stating the group has been in contact with Mike Ingersoll from the LA Group regarding the project. Mr. Ingersoll had put together some initial renderings of what the project could look like, and the BID had asked he come back with project costs. Mr. Burke states the quote came to about \$136,000, which is much more than the BID had expected. Mr.

Burke said he has been in contact with Peter Hoffman, noting he knows a gentleman who does a lot of architecture in the area. Mr. Hoffman states he will get in touch with the gentleman for further discussion on the fountain project.

Mr. Burke discusses the Fountain Committee will meet after the holiday for further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn by Kathy Naftaly and second by Michael Kadas. The meeting adjourned at 9:39 am.

**NEXT MEETING: March 15, 2021 - 8 am- The Queensbury Hotel.
Please plan to join.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Victoria Beagle