

HAMBURG HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

December 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm. Those present participated in the Flag Salute.

Statement of Certification – This meeting is in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, Sections 4 and 13, as advertised by Annual Notice.

Roll Call: Thomas Graham, Charles McMickle and Art Walton. Absent: Chairman Dan Barr had an unexpected family emergency; John Haig and Guy Harby. Joyce Oehler, Council Liaison was in attendance. Wayne McCabe was not required to be in attendance.

Meeting Minutes of April 29, 2019: A motion was made by McMickle, second by Walton to approve the minutes of April 29, 2019 with all in favor.

Bills/Vouchers:

- New Jersey Herald - \$14.70

A motion was made by McMickle, second by Walton to approve payment of the bill with all in favor.

Correspondence:

- 10/17/19 Correspondence from State of NJ DEP, Historic Preservation Office re: grant application

Vice Chairman Graham questions whether this grant application is applicable to the project that will be discussed. Applicability and appropriateness will be determined through the discussion about the project.

New/Unfinished Business: None.

Chairman's Agenda: Vice Chairman Graham indicates that Chairman Barr had the content for tonight's meeting.

A motion is made at 7:08 p.m. by Graham, second by McMickle to open the meeting to the public.

Mayor Marino, 23 Holly Drive, discusses the Borough's acquisition of the property located at Block 31, Lot 2, 14 Route 23 & Walkkill Avenue and the Borough's plans to utilize the property for a museum and storage for the Borough's historic artifacts. Historic items were stored at the Borough's former historian's house as well as residence of the acting historian, Chairman Dan Barr. The items are currently in storage.

Emily Banta is the owner of the church property adjoining the subject property. She indicates that she has performed online research about potential grants. She mentions specifically the website for Northeast Document Conservation Center ("NEDCC") website and other small museum groups.

Mayor Marino states that there has been no tax revenue on this property since the 1990s. He would prefer to seek out grant money rather than property tax money to fund any project on this site.

The Council had previously discussed using the police station building and Court building for storage of the historic artifacts. He would prefer that the Court building not be utilized.

The proposed museum would have two levels. The museum would be located on the first level so that it would be ADA compliant and the second floor would store additional artifacts.

Discussion continues on the zoning of the property.

Discussion continues on the resolution authorizing Wayne McCabe to spend a limited time period (3 hours) to research grants. The budget for Wayne McCabe is discussed.

A motion is made at 7:24 p.m. to close to the public with all in favor.

A motion is made by McMickle, second by Walton with all in favor to authorize Wayne McCabe to spend up to three hours researching grants for the rehabilitation of the property to become a museum for the storage of historical artifacts.

Training is discussed. The Commission did not have any training sessions during 2019. The Commission is required to schedule training as part of the State designation.

Councilwoman Joyce Oehler has no updates.

Walton does not have any updates on the Dan Kass sign. He intends to discuss this with an NJDOT contact.

McMickle questions whether there is any update on the inventory that was to be taken of the former Borough historian's residence. There have been no updates.

Vice Chairman Graham requests that Commission Secretary prepare summary of this meeting to send to Chairman Barr.

Brief discussion on the Fire Department's commemorative postcard.

A motion is made by McMickle, second by Walton to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Brick, Secretary
Hamburg Historic Preservation Commission