



**Minutes: Spencerville Business and Community Connections
Tuesday, November 24, 2020, 8-9:00 am, by Zoom**

1. Welcome and introductions. Present: Mary Moore, Pat Sayeau, Darren Gallagher, Abby McIntyre, Brian Purcell, Roshan Aubin, Annalee Ladouceur, Sheila Fawcett, Carol Jones-Packwood, Brenda Mulder and Wendy Van Keulen.
2. Approval of minutes Roshan approved, second Brian
3. Agenda: added Mayor Sayeau after Chair report
4. Chair Report:
 - Mary displayed Newsletter was sent to print at Gigprint. For digital, could we get information from churches for Christmas? Church phone numbers are in the Newsletter. Annalee offered to distribute to 17 Acre (formerly Angelo's) as they are members.
 - Grant information from Mayor Sayeau: the Port of Johnstown Management Committee met to review the eligibility criteria for the community capital project funding policy. \$75,000 per year is available to community groups submitting applications for capital projects. all applications must be for capital projects greater than \$5,000... Jan 1 / 2021...applications open, March 1/2021...applications close. all applications must be for capital projects greater than \$5,000. The Port of Johnstown committee will also manage a project if we need that help.
5. Discussion: on the capital projects: Abby suggests internet infrastructure improvement. Abby mentioned that the Optimist Club has funds that are being considered for a capital project in the community which could, perhaps be matched.
 - Abby suggested a survey and Mary mentioned that this is very doable on our website
 - Annalee mentioned a river walk path project. Something to look into. While there has been resistance, people may feel differently about this than they did 5 years ago.
 - Roshan suggested the project idea should be ready to present by January/February
 - We agreed to strike a committee to look at possible projects.
6. Mayor Sayeau:
 - Bank machine installation at former bank building (soon to be a Pharmacy) is in negotiation
 - New zoning bylaws: Mayor Sayeau encourages residents to get involved. CDC meets first on the month, open to the public. Next meeting is in February.
 - More information about the zoning bylaw review process is here: <https://www.twpec.ca/zoning-bylaw-review/>.
 - For those that would like to review our Official Plan, a copy is available on our website here: <https://www.twpec.ca/living-here/building-and->

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- The zoning bylaw review page has a form you can use to provide feedback to the Committee. You also have the option to make a delegation to the committee if you would prefer to share some feedback in person. Just let me know and I can add you to our agenda. I welcome questions or conversations if you need some clarity.
 - Report on wells: Home owners in Spencerville are responsible for their own wells, and the TWP cannot disprove of new wells.
 - Citizen of the Year award nominations are open.
7. Discussion on above:
- Abby asked about how the Official Plan works. Anser – yes, see above. Wendy shared resident concerns over trailers, and clarified that the bylaws do not refer to parking your own RV on your property.
 - Other concerns include town growth. Planner prepared a model of commercial areas – planner will make a suggestion on what is appropriate and present in February.
 - SBCC members should keep informed.
8. Financial Report. Account balance is \$2013.09. Newsletter bill will be about \$600 + HST. Zoom account: SBCC will reimburse Mary M \$22.60/month (4). Approval granted for keeping the account into 2021 as needed.
9. Christmas Tree Lighting review, To be held December 5 5:30 to 6:30..
- Mary to follow up on vendors re hot chocolate. Ask for 30 cups from each location.
 - Drummonds have not yet committed. LGLHU provided standard guidelines.
 - Optimists have offered helpers, Sheila will provide Elf hats, and will drop them off at Purcell's.
 - Tim Nacent will park his truck to accept Food Bank donations. Road closure update: the road will be closed. TWP and Fire Dept will help with barriers.
 - Mayor Sayeau will open the 'ceremony'
10. Membership campaign 2021: Businesses will be charged full \$50. No fee for community members in 2021, concentrate on getting emails for Mail Chimp?. Mary to update website to facilitate 2021 campaign.
11. Meeting time will remain at 8 AM.
12. Announcements:
- Darren Gallacher announced Federal Government has released new funding . GCFDC has approx. #900,000 available. RRRF – Regional Relief and Recovery Fund - Program details are available here: <https://www.grenvillecfdc.com/rrrf>
 - Brian Purcell let us know that, regarding Christmas services at the Prebyterian church – you have to apply. Churches are operating on 30%. Catholic church is usually at capacity. They may do a broadcast service.