

# GLASSPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

## Meeting Minutes

Date: September 10, 2012

Location: Glassport Borough building, 440 Monongahela Ave., Glassport, PA 15045

**Attendees:** John Bender, Rosemary Bradley, Tom Bradley, John D'Angelo, Dave Kowalski, Dan Matta, Ann Ostroski, John Pacerucha, Norb Piekut

### **Parliamentary:**

The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m. with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Report: Secretary-Ann Ostroski**

The minutes of the August 2012 meeting were reviewed. Ann agreed to complete two edits to the minutes. They were approved pending these changes.

### **Report: President-John D'Angelo**

John's report included the following:

Replacements are needed for the positions of Vice President and Treasurer. John hopes that the positions can be filled with individuals with experience. John asked that Ann send a letter to Huntingdon Bank requesting a staff representative to serve on the GDC. The representative would not necessarily need to be the bank president or another manager and the replacement would not necessarily need to serve as an officer for the GDC. Ann agreed to send the letter.

John discussed the possibility of the acquisition of the former train depot on 6<sup>th</sup> and Allegheny Ave. for the Borough on a \$1 a year long term lease. The building could be used to house Borough historical artifacts and pictures, which would be of interest to various organizations and individuals from Glassport. The building owner is agreeable to the idea but could not make a commitment without the review of his legal counsel. The owner also has possession of the green space adjacent to the building. Additionally, it could be also used as a stopping point/refreshment area for bicyclists and others who use the bike trail. A discussion followed as it was presented that the building has deteriorated to the point that it could not be restored. It was decided that the feasibility of this project would be pursued, starting with a review of the property.

The acquisition of the former "John's Hardware" building by Ray Massung was discussed. Mr. Massung is still interested in acquiring and demolishing the building. He would like to meet with Attorney Falco Muscante to see what steps are necessary to begin this process.

John discussed some community based projects either be hosted by the GDC or in conjunction with other groups. He suggested a vintage car-motorcycle show that could take place on Monongahela Ave. by blocking off sections. Local businesses could have booths and kiosks. He also discussed the possibility of taking advantage of crowds that come into the Glassport by the Borough, GDC, local businesses, etc...for events. An example would be the attendees of the South Allegheny football games. John stated that the attendees should be staying in town afterwards and patronizing local restaurants.

John stated that the GDC website is updated and Mark Kapsha took pictures of, and featured Glassport's newest business, the "dawg house".

John noted that the time is drawing near for the membership renewal dues for 2013. Similar letters will be sent out as last year. One letter is specific for new members, and one is specific for existing members.

***Report: Vice-President-Chuck Spicuzza- Absent***

***Report: Treasurer-Norb Piekut***

Norb's report of the GDC financial account as of 09-10-2012 is as follows:

<u>Starting balance-</u>	\$1270.68
<u>Receipts:</u>	-0-
Disbursements	-0-
PETTY CASH	100.00+
<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>\$1370.68</u>

**Open Discussion**

An open discussion included, but was not limited to the following:

Rosemary provided a list of business owners that received flyers with GDC information. She and Judy Feltz had been distributing them throughout the Borough to business owners and managers.

Rosemary suggested that the information and work of the GDC receive more publicity in the local paper. Ann agreed that she would submit summaries of the meetings to the Glassport reporter of the McKeesport Daily News when appropriate. A discussion was held on having occasional pictures and features for the GDC.

The signs within the Borough were discussed. It was noted that outdated and irrelevant signage should be removed (e.g. block parent). It was noted that the Glassport Centennial sign does not look good if it is not updated with current events. Additionally, it was noted that the "Welcome to Glassport" signs, which the GDC purchased, were in disrepair. Dan Matta suggested that the lettering be replaced with more durable vinyl lettering. A motion was made and agreed upon to receive quotes for the repair of the two signs.

Ann reintroduced the idea of having a "Glassport" t-shirts printed and sold by the GDC as a fund raiser. The shirts should have a representation of the Borough such as a town by the river and the incorporation date. She suggested that they could be sold at various times and places such as GDC meetings and various events that are held within town.

A discussion was held regarding solicited funds for a historical book about the Borough that was compiled, yet never published. It was noted that the GDC has no involvement and has no access to the funds collected for its publication. The funds are in a separate account at Huntingdon Bank.

***Adjournment***

A motion to adjourn was made and accepted. The meeting concluded at 7:45 p.m.

The next GDC business meeting will be on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Glassport Borough building.

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Respectfully submitted, Ann Ostroski