

# GLASSPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

## Meeting Minutes

Date: October 1, 2012

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

**Attendees:** John Bender, Rosemary Bradley, John D'Angelo, Judy Feltz, Andrea Foster, Dave Kowalski, Janet Kowalski, Ann Ostroski, Norb Piekut, Chuck Spicuzza Jr.

### **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 September 2012 meeting were reviewed. They were unanimously approved by the members present.

Ann stated that as it was the October meeting, the officers needed to be reaffirmed. Ann will continue to be the secretary, John D'Angelo will continue as president. Judy Feltz was nominated to be the treasurer. She accepted and was unanimously voted in. Len Pasinski has agreed to be vice-president. He was unanimously voted in absentia. Chuck Spicuzza Jr. will retain a position as a board member and be the banking officer providing advice to the treasurer and organization.

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

John's report included the following:

John picked up on September's discussion 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. He stated that this project would need assistance from other citizens and organizations in the Borough.

John would like to have a meeting specifically with the Borough's business owners for input on retaining business from the crowds that come into Glassport for events such as the South Allegheny football games, band concerts, light up night, etc... It was noted that in 2013, the annual Fireman's Convention will be held in Glassport, which will attract fire companies from all over this side of the state.

He would also like to establish a business mixer to be held once per year. He added that there should be some kind of awards such as investment in the community, excellence, etc... John stated that he would like to see the GDC sponsor a once a year community event for Glassport, to replace the Sons of Italy's former August event. Ideas discussed included, but were not limited to: a vintage car show, craft show, band concert, and ethnic fair. The venues could be various Borough places such as the 9<sup>th</sup> Street field, the Honor Roll Park, Monongahela Ave., etc... John also discussed the idea of having a business exposition similar to the one held in Irwin, PA. This could be something held at the South Allegheny High School and include businesses from the school district area.

Andrea Foster indicated that she is willing to organize the craft show for this year- November 2012. She suggested having it the week before Thanksgiving. The venue needs to be confirmed. Both the American Legion and fire company hall were discussed. Other members volunteered to assist.

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. A meeting was held with Attorney Falco

Muscante, Ray Massung, and John D'Angelo. Mr. Massung stated that he has approximately \$20,000 for the acquisition and demolition. This amount seems to be in line and John feels that process will proceed. This acquisition/demolition can be done under Pennsylvania conservatorship law.

John read two letters that he drafted that will accompany the 2013 dues invoices. One is specific to ongoing members, and one is specific to new members. The letters were discussed and John will make the suggested changes. The letters will be sent out in November-December 2012. It was noted that member businesses will be featured on the GDC website. Dave Kowalski stated that some changes need to be made to the website, specifically information for the Glassport Crime Watch group.

John initiated a discussion to increase our membership and participation in the GDC. He suggested that ads be placed in local church bulletins. Dave Kowalski stated that the Crime Watch group does this and there is no charge for the Queen of the Rosary Parish. A suggestion was also made to change the venue, possibly the PNA. Chuck Spicuzza is to follow up with the use of the facilities for the November GDC meeting.

John stated that he has met with the Borough code enforcement officer and she will be sending out citations to areas that have received previous notices. She has agreed to have John notify her of the violations in the business district and will meet with him on a regular basis.

John announced that the next Borough advisory committee for the business district will be held on October 10, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at the Glassport Borough building.

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

No Report.

***Report: Treasurer-Norb Piekut/Judy Feltz***

Norb's report of the GDC financial account as of 10-01-2012 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>

***Adjournment:***

A motion to adjourn was made and accepted. The meeting concluded at 7:15 p.m. The information for the next meeting is still not in confirmed.

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Respectfully submitted, Ann Ostroski