



MEETING MINUTES | August 23, 2022

Meeting was called to order by Steve Wallace, President, at 6:00 at the Trenton House.

PRESENT: President Steve Wallace, Treasurer Dennis Herzig, Christine Orr, Tom and Linda Peppenhorst, Secretary Linda Loepker, John Marquardt, Victoria Zahn, Mayor Andy Weh, and Diane Mannhard.

GUESTS: Sheila Heuer of the Breese Journal & Publishing Company; and Caitlyn Carroll of Ivy and Lace Events and her guest, Jessica Guazzini.

- Heuer introduced herself as a new sales representative at Breese Journal & Publishing Company in Breese. She said that her company would like to bring “cohesiveness” to Clinton County through the Breese Journal.
- Carroll presented on the upcoming Harvest Hop on Oct 13 downtown. 30+ local vendors (and food trucks) will be onsite. Other plans include Touch-A-Truck, live entertainment, and a raffle to benefit three local charities. Donations are needed for prizes. Carroll also asked if the Chamber would like to sponsor Tyler Kohrs, the live entertainment, for the event. Mayor Andy Weh motioned. Second by Christine Orr. Motion passed.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: John Marquardt motioned to approve the Secretary’s report. Diane Mannhard seconded the motion.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Dennis Herzig presented the treasurer’s report for the period ending July 31, 2022. Herzig shared that the routing numbers on Trenton Dollars will be changing and should be cashed in as soon as possible. Herzig’s report reflected the following balances:

Community Bank.....	\$48,352.83	General Fund
Scott Credit Union.....	\$3,659.06	Scholarship Fund
Scott Credit Union.....	\$6,196.24	Trenton Dollars
Scott Credit Union.....	\$5.00	Share Account
TOTAL	<u>\$58,759.99</u>	

Tom Peppenhorst motioned to approve; seconded by Victoria Zahn.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence was received.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

1. TrentonFest Parade | August 20
 - a. The Chamber thanks Dennis Herzig and Tom Peppenhorst for representing the Chamber in the parade and Deien Chevrolet for the use of the Traverse.
2. September Business After Hours networking event
 - a. Linda Loepker with Deien Chevrolet offered to host at the dealership. A date of Weds., Sept. 28, 6 p.m., was later decided. A speaker is still needed.
3. Business Trick or Treat | Friday, Oct. 28 from 3 to 5 p.m.
 - a. Becky Thole is back on board with this event! Thank you, Becky. She did ask if the Chamber would buy candy for the Chamber table.

4. Spirit of Christmas | Friday, December 9

- a. The Sirens will be providing hot chocolate and cookies.
- b. Santa has been scheduled.
- c. Mayor Weh asked for volunteers to help with the decorations at the park and a monetary donation to purchase decorations. The Trenton Park Boosters are also willing to help. Following a discussion, Mayor Weh will be forming a committee to address this. He also mentioned that he needs an artistic person to oversee the layout.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Brent and Dana Trame will be hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony at their new business, New You Wellness Center, on Friday, September 2. Chamber members are invited to attend. Their location is 25 West Broadway in Trenton.

Short discussion about hosting a table at the Harvest Hop in October.

The Chamber owes dues and payment for an advertisement to the Illinois South Tourism. John Marquardt motioned to approve; Victoria Zahn seconded. Illinois South Tourism will also be printing a holiday guard. John Marquardt motioned to approve the Chamber and the City split the cost of a \$600 advertisement; seconded by Mayor Weh. Illinois South Tourism will also be printing flyers for the Harvest Hop.

Mayor Weh brought up the subject of fundraising for the Chamber. After a group discussion, it was decided to have a raffle with multiple prizes. Tickets will be sold at the September Business After Hours event, the Harvest Hop and the Halloween events.

Linda Peppenhorst started a discussion about the expenses the Chamber incurs over a year. Treasurer Herzig will prepare a report for September meeting.

ELECTIONS: President Wallace will appoint a nominating committee at the November meeting. Elections will be held at the January 2023 meeting.

SEPTEMBER MEETING: September business meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 27. Location and time TBD.

ADJOURNMENT: Tom Peppenhorst motioned to close the meeting; seconded by Victoria Zahn.