



MEETING MINUTES | October 25, 2022

Meeting was called to order by Steve Wallace, President, at 6:00 at 7-West.

PRESENT: President Steve Wallace, Treasurer Dennis Herzig, Secretary Linda Loepker, John Marquart, Victoria Zahn, Mayor Andy Weh, Diane Mannhard, Becky and Dale Thole, and Michael Monken.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: John Marquart motioned to approve the August Secretary's report; seconded by Victoria Zahn. There was no meeting for September due to the Business After Hours Event.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dennis Herzig presented the treasurer's report for the period ending September 30, 2022. Herzig's report reflected the following balances:

Community Bank.....	\$47,632.46	General Fund
Scott Credit Union.....	\$5,828.08	Trenton Dollars
Scott Credit Union.....	<u>3,665.51</u>	Share Account
TOTAL	<u>\$57,126.05</u>	

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence was received.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

1. Becky Thole is ready for the Chamber's Business Trick or Treat on Friday, October 28. There will be no costume or store judging this year.
2. September Business After Hours networking event was held at Deien Chevrolet on Wednesday, September 28. The event was enjoyed by the attendees. Dean Durham from Deien Chevrolet was the guest speaker.
 - a. A February 7 breakfast event is being planned at Hank's Bowl.
3. Spirit of Christmas is scheduled for Friday, December 9.
 - a. Co-hosting with the Trenton Sirens, who will provide hot chocolate and cookies.
4. Christmas decorations at the park
 - a. Mayor Andy Weh shared he has a handful of volunteers to assist with Christmas lights at the park this year. Becky Thole and Victoria Zahn both volunteered to assist.
 - b. Unfortunately, a good portion of the donated decorations had to be thrown out. Mayor Weh commented that he would like to have \$1,000 in donations to buy lights, with \$550 already pledged. The Chamber members agreed to a \$500 donation for the lights.
 - c. Some concerns about the decorating were addressed, the first being vandalism. John Marquart, City Administrator, stated that the Trenton Police Department is in the process of installing cameras at the park. The second concern is electric, which the city is addressing.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. New You Wellness Center held its ribbon cutting ceremony on September 2, and Scott Credit Union's ceremony was on October 4.
2. The members participated in a lengthy discussion about fundraising. After discussing the pros and cons of hosting an online auction versus an in-person dinner, dance and auction, the members decided to host an online auction in the fall of 2023. Becky Thole and Victoria Zahn will be reaching out to businesses and asking to donate items. Thole also suggested hosting a poker "run", which will be held in the spring of 2023.
3. Updates on the Harvest Hop showed it was successful. Discussion about the chamber being involved in 2023 followed. Caitlyn Carroll from the Harvest Hop will be meeting with Mayor Weh and John Marquart, City Administrator, to share details on this year's event and the future of the Harvest Hop.
4. The Trenton Dollars program will continue for Christmas 2023.

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

NOVEMBER MEETING: November business meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 22, at 6 p.m. Location is TBD.

ADJOURNMENT: Victoria Zahn and John Marquart motioned to close the meeting; seconded by Dianne Mannhard.