



## MEETING MINUTES | November 22, 2022

Meeting was called to order by Steve Wallace, President, at 6:00 at Hank's Bowl.

**PRESENT:** President Steve Wallace, Treasurer Dennis Herzig, Secretary Linda Loepker, John Marquart, Mayor Andy Weh, Jen Huegen, Catherine Gebke, and Sheila Heuer.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** John Marquart motioned to approve the October Secretary's report; seconded by Andy Weh.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Dennis Herzig presented the treasurer's report for the period ending October 31, 2022. Herzig's report reflected the following balances:

Community Bank.....	\$46,843.49	General Fund
Scott Credit Union.....	\$5,643.08	Trenton Dollars
Scott Credit Union.....	<u>3,665.29</u>	Share Account
TOTAL .....	<u>\$56,152.86</u>	

**CORRESPONDENCE:** No correspondence was received.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS:

1. Spirit of Christmas is scheduled for Friday, December 9.
  - a. Co-hosting with the Trenton Sirens, who will provide hot chocolate and cookies.
  - b. Average of 100 people in attendance.
  - c. President Wallace to work with Sybil on a press release.
2. 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.
3. A February 7 breakfast event is being planned at Hank's Bowl.
  - a. Linda Loepker to create a Save The Date post for Facebook, website and email.
  - b. Jen Huegen is checking with the FCB tax department for a speaker; John is also working with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a potential speaker.
  - c. RSVPs will be accepted via text and on the website.
4. Business Trick or Treat
  - a. This event, coordinated by Becky Thole, was a big success.
  - b. For 2023, we need to have a set path with specific cross walks to be used. Safety was brought up as there were people crossing the streets outside of the walks.

- i. Using a map and starting at the Chamber Booth were suggested.
5. Future event dates
  - a. BBQ May 6, 2023
  - b. Golf Tournament June 22, 2023
  - c. TrentonFest: Dates to be announced after confirmation from ride provider.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

1. Mayor Andy Weh thanked the volunteers for helping with the park decorating and for the donations. The Mayor was quite happy with the results. He does hope for a few more volunteers in 2023.
2. Mayor Andy Weh also brought up future fundraising efforts.
  - a. It was decided to host a raffle in 2023 for a large ticket item. The tickets will start to sell at the February breakfast event with the winner chosen at the golf tournament in June.
3. Michael Monken mentioned hosting the online auction in 2023.
  - a. He has found a couple of programs that can host the auction through a website. He will be testing these options to find the best option.
4. Harvest Hop Debrief
  - a. Mayor Weh and John Marquart spoke with Caitlyn Carroll after the event.
    - i. The purpose of the event is to attract people to downtown.
    - ii. The event is growing, and Carroll does need assistance with signing up vendors, the raffle, and overall coordination of the event.
    - iii. Mayor Weh recommends the Chamber be a part of the event.
    - iv. Sheila Heuer suggested the Chamber host a food stand at the event.
  - b. After some discussion, it was decided to keep the Harvest Hop on the agenda and invite Carroll to a future meeting to discuss in detail.
5. The Trenton Dollars program will continue for Christmas 2023. At the time of the meeting, the checks from Scott Credit Union had not been received. The program will be on hold until they come in. Please watch Facebook for updates.
6. The Scholarship Committee will be sending information to the high schools after the first of the year.

**ELECTIONS:** President Wallace appointed Dennis Herzing, Michael Monken and Linda Loepker to the nominating committee. This committee will create a slate of members to fill the officer and board positions. Elections will be held at the January 2023 meeting. Anyone who is interested in holding a seat should reach out to the committee. Information will also be published

**NO DECEMBER MEETING due to the holidays.**

**JANUARY MEETING:** January business meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 24, at 6 p.m. Location is TBD.