

BOARD OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

JANUARY 22, 2020 - REORGANIZATION MEETING

The Board of Community Assistance of Upper Merion Township met for its Reorganization Meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 in the Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm followed by a Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board of Community Assistance Reorganization

It was moved by Mr. Montich, seconded by Mr. Karen, all voting "Aye" to appoint Mrs. Dan-Sardiñas as Temporary Chairman of the Board of Community Assistance. None opposed. Motion passed 5-0.

Mrs. Dan-Sardiñas opened the floor for nomination for Chairman of the Board of Community Assistance for 2020.

Mr. Karen nominated Mr. Montich to be appointed Chairman of the BCA. It was moved by Mr. Karen, seconded by Mrs. Dan-Sardiñas, all voting "Aye" to appoint Mr. Brett Montich as Chairperson of the Board of Community Assistance. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

Mr. Montich opened the floor for nomination for Vice Chairperson of the Board of Community Assistance.

It was moved by Mr. Zerfing, seconded by Mr. Karen, all voting "Aye" to appoint Ms. Gina Mancino as Vice Chairperson of the Board of Community Assistance. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

Roll Call:

Present were: Brett Montich, Chairperson, Lydia Dan-Sardiñas; Greg Waks, Supervisor Liaison; David Zerfing, Valley Forge Casino Resort Representative; Gina Mancino, Valley Forge Casino Resort Representative, Vice Chairperson; David Karen, BCA Member, and Angela Caramenico, Assistant to Township Manager.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

It was moved by Mr. Montich, seconded by Mrs. Dan-Sardiñas, all voting "Aye" to approve the October 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting Dates for 2020:

- School Board Meeting – February 3rd – Lydia to attend
- Board of Supervisors - February 20th – Brett to attend
- Joint Meeting - April 7th – Brett to attend
- Board of Supervisors awards – April 16th – David K. to attend
- BCA meeting dates: - April 6th and April 13th, 5 pm
- BCA awards dinner - June 3rd (Gina will confirm)
- Ivy Day - June 6th – Gina or David to attend

2020 BCA Funds

A discussion ensued about how much funding would be available for disbursement for 2020. Mr. Zerfing amount advised that the amount increased this year in accordance with a memorandum between VFRCR and the Township. He added that VFRCR has been paying the increased amount of the Township since January. Mr. Zerfing explained that the increase is due to the additional slots (600 to 850 slot machines), as VRFCF pays a fee for slot machines and gaming seats. Mr. Hiriak will be contacted to get the total amount.

Additional Business:

1) Mr. Montich noted two outstanding BCA projects/awards:

a) KOP Soccer Club for the new bathroom project, awarded grants for 2018(\$5,000) and 2019 (\$2,700). Mr. Montich advised he was informed that there are several issues going on including the coach was not coming back for various reasons; they are redoing the soccer program; the contractor for the project went out of business; and their major fundraiser got canceled. A letter from the Soccer Club said they are still trying to do the project but there are many other things on their plate.

The Soccer Club sent an email to Mr. Zadroga (Codes Director) and a meeting between the Club and the township is to occur shortly. However, Mr. Zadroga noted that UMT was not aware of the project until he received the recent email from the Soccer Club.

Mr. Montich noted that technically an organization is supposed to spend the money by December of the year it is awarded, so the BCA would have the right to pull funds if they so decided. The BCA all agreed that is still a worthy project but would like an update from the Soccer Club.

b) Scholarship – Arcadia University check in the amount of \$2,000 still outstanding. Angela C. will follow up.

2) Mr. Montich advised that he reached out to Erik Enters, UMHS Guidance Counselor, about the possibility of offering a scholarship workshop to the high school seniors and review an application, what is required, etc. All concurred that Mr. Montich’s proposal would be beneficial to the students. It was noted to stress the importance of the project, and the need for a signature or verification confirming the project.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Mr. Karen, seconded by Ms. Mancino, all voting “Aye”, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.



BRETT MONTICH
BCA CHAIRPERSON

Minutes Approved: 4/27/20
Minutes Entered: 5/4/20