

**Beautification Committee**  
**May 3, 2021**  
**Virtual via Zoom**  
**3:30 PM**

## Minutes

- **Call to Order:**
  - a) **Welcome:** Janet called the meeting to order at 3:33

**Attendees:** Mike Apke, Jeff Batton, Lydia Boesch, Kevin Brewer, Janet Farrell, Brenda Harvey, Jane Hogeman, Peggy Johnson, Mary Hall Koontz, Amy McKenzie, Adriana Peratsakis, Lorelei Milan, Tony Persico, Molly Rowell
  - b) **Introduction of new PR person for Village –** Jeff introduced Kristen Bunton Communication Specialist for the Village. She shared her background and duties. Kristen is looking forward to working with our committee.
  
- **Approval of Minutes:**

Molly moved to accept the minutes and Brenda seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.
  
- **Budget-**

Kevin shared the Budget. He noted that \$6,112 has been charged for the Hwy 5 and McKenzie Rd. project, that leaves \$1,132.95 remaining in the operating budget. The current grant Fund remains at \$6,248.00.

  - a) Which project will be done in the coming year – Hwy 5/Monticello or HWY5/211?

Jeff said the Small Area Plan will have recommendations for the Blake Ave. area gateway, and he suggested we should wait on that project and move ahead with the HWY5/211 to McDonald for \$15,000 which includes irrigation.
  - b) Funds are allocated in Mike’s budget for initial start on downtown beautification.
  
- **Calendar-**

Kevin noted that Planting Day is tomorrow (May 4) and there are no further additions to the calendar.  
Janet reminded everyone that we do not meet in June or July, so August 2<sup>nd</sup> is our next meeting.
  
- **Beautification Grant-**

Jeff reported that there are new applications. If an application is submitted in the summer Jeff will forward it to the sub-committee.
  
- **Old Business -**
  - **Projects Update**
    - Railroad trestle – Jeff – No news to report.
    - Hwy 5 at McKenzie/Midland corners - Kevin – spoke with contractor who has been awarded the contract and will start this Wednesday.

- Litter Pick-up – sub-committee status – Amy noted that it is difficult to set a date for a litter pick up. Molly asked if there had been any news about the state freeing up money to allow prisoners to do pick up.  
Tony mentioned a golf outing fund raiser for Keep Moore County Beautiful which may help financially.
- Litter note for newsletter – Tony will pen a general litter awareness piece and Jeff will help him to contact the new Communications Specialist Kristen Bunton.
- Report from Business Guild – Kim – no report
- Christmas Lights - Janet – New lights are easy to pass through the leaves. Janet started and will have some help next week doing lights and fluffing bows. Mary Hall will help on fluffing the bows. Janet has gotten help from her garden club in the past, but she is unsure of their availability since they will not meet until fall. She will try to get out a calendar of times she will be there for those who can help. Kevin said the top floor of the Village Hall will be renovated so in the future the wreaths may be moved when that happens. Molly asked that all members of the committee get involved and help Janet.
- Other Items: None
  
- **New Business**
  - a) Introduction of New PR person for Village – Jeff introduced Kristen Bunton.
  - b) Tony asked if we have met with anyone from the other towns to coordinate projects such as litter pick up? Janet will check with Dee as to whether there has been any contact and will include Tony when she does.
  
- **Comments from attendees.** None
- **Motion to Adjourn.** Tony moved to adjourn, and Kevin seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:07
  
- *Meetings of BC are held the first Monday of the months indicated at 3:30 PM.*
  - a) Next Meeting Dates 2021- **No meetings June and July.** August 2, September 13 (not on Labor Day), October 4, November 1, December 6