

Bicentennial Committee Minutes

Wednesday February 10, 2016

Emergency Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

PRESENT: Terri White, Larry and Teresa Gnau, Patricia Willsea, Carl and Judy Brehm, Rick Osiecki, Patricia Hillyard, Cheryl and Rob Parker, Steve Cowley, Herb Tinney, Sandy Barnum, Elaine Scala, Trudie Szymanski, Diane Olson, Georgia Robinson and Judy Tripp-Neu (18)

Terri White chaired the meeting.

Representatives from the following organizations were represented:

Genesee Country Express

Livingston County News

Planning Board

Springwater American Legion Post 905 Family

Springwater Church of the Nazarene

Springwater GALA Committee

Springwater Rod & Gun Club

Springwater Town Board

Springwater United Methodist Church

Springwater Lighthouse Wesleyan Church

Town of Hemlock & Hemlock- Canadice Webmaster

Chairman White opened the meeting by outlining the events that had transpired since the last meeting was held on Tuesday, February 2. Namely, that we were now in need of a bank account of our own and liability insurance for any events that were being put on as a Bicentennial Committee event; i.e. Arts and Crafts Show; Softball game; dances; Fall Festival and possibly the Civil War Encampment. All other parties (churches, Fire Department, etc.,) will have to use their personal liability insurance for their events.

She also explained that the Bicentennial money had been separated from the GALA account that is hosted by the Springwater American Legion Post 905, a check for \$1054.04 had been given to Steve Cowley for safekeeping, and it was necessary to open a checking account in the committee's name.

She also explained that once she was apprised of the situation, she contacted 5-Star Bank in Wayland and learned she could open an account under the Springwater Bicentennial Committee's name with two signatories and an Employee Identification Number which could be had by applying for it online.

The question was asked – does anyone object to an account being opened?

The second part was “would someone who is not an elected official or on the town payroll like to be the second signatory and does anyone object if I am the first?”

No one responded to that question, so Chairman White asked if Diane Olson would consider taking that responsibility. She declined at first. Cheryl Parker declined, as did Rob. Diane, at this point, reconsidered and asked what would be involved – Terri briefly said it was simply a case of two people signing any checks that

had to be sent out for payments due for services. Diane then agreed.

Steve Cowley stated it should be put into a resolution form: Motion made by Judy Tripp-Neu and seconded by Pat Hillyard

RESOLVED: That an account be opened at 5-Star bank as early as Thursday and the check for \$1,054.04 plus the check written for ticket sales for the Valentine's Day Dinner Dance to cover checks erroneously made out to the GALA Committee be deposited into the account, and that the two signatories on the account be Terri White and Dianne Olson." All ayes – no nays. Motion carried.

Terri then facetiously asked if someone wanted to be Chairman and all agreed she can have the responsibility.

The second part of the meeting concerned liability insurance. Terri and Judy described the meeting they had attended on Saturday, and the conversations with SFD President Dave Holmes, Tom Canute Jr., and Sue Sahrle in which we were told the Committee can have their events at the Springwater Fire Hall, but must produce a statement of liability insurance and sign a waiver for each event. That every event must be presented to the Fire Department by one representative from each agency (or the person in charge of the event) and approved by the Fire Department at their staff meeting. This is a courtesy and must be recorded in the Fire Department's minutes.

Terri then quoted a passage from Philippians 4:8 "Finally Brethren, whatsoever things are true; whatsoever things are honest; whatsoever things are just; whatsoever things are pure; whatsoever things are lovely; whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

Terri also stated we contacted a local resident over the weekend who had worked with us to obtain the necessary liability insurance. Georgia Robinson from the Leon F. Skinner Agency had submitted the necessary paperwork and a benefactor had come forward to pay the full amount to cover all activities until December 31, 2016. If events are scheduled into 2017, the insurance can be extended, if necessary. This is a \$1M blanket policy.

The benefactor prefers to remain anonymous and Chairman White stated she will "honor that request."

Steve then asked about accountability for donors and receipts. Judy and Terri assured all present that donors of supplies and money are recorded and thank you notes have been sent out. Steve then stated he believed the anonymous donor that gave a \$50 donation was Mark Hopkins of the Trails Committee, but he was not sure.

A question then arose from Steve regarding the upcoming Valentine's Day dinner/dance. Chairman White reminded him that when the committee was formed three years ago, he stated all events should be self-supporting and whoever ran that event was responsible for making it happen. Food has been donated and the only money that has to be taken out of the ticket proceeds is the money used to pay for the steaks. That at this time, we do not know exactly how much they will cost.

Chairman White reiterated that all of the community agencies are still supporting the Bicentennial's efforts and will continue to help us in whatever capacity they can, and she thanked their representatives that were present for that support.

Steve asked about the Saturday events for the GALA – June 4th – and Terri stated the Fire Department has not finalized their participation but will in the next few weeks. We are still working with them and expect to meet with them again. The Atlanta-Cohocton Historical Society has agreed to put on an antique fashion show; we are still trying to get Mr. Ferraro to bring his 1930's Roadster to display that day, and the Fire Department is committed to bringing at least one truck down on Saturday and providing assistance for the Tractor-Pull scheduled for Sunday. There will be a watermelon eating contest as suggested by Jade Perkins and we are still working on a possible Duck Race put on by the Fire Department.

The Civil War Encampment is still pending and Rick Tripp will report on it. If the Re-enactors have their own liability insurance, the event can be held at the Fire Department property or at the Larry Canute Memorial Park, but that would mean canceling the Old-Fashioned Baseball Exhibition Game – so we agreed to wait for the information from Rick Tripp and SFD.

During the course of the meeting, Diane Olson presented a bill for the printing of the brochures in the amount of \$183.60; it was agreed that matter would be brought before the committee at the next Bicentennial meeting when a checking account has been set up.

At the end of the meeting, Pat Willsea requested permission to speak and then, on behalf of the Legion, presented to Chairman Terri White a check made out to the band "Gemini" in the amount of \$100. Pat explained that during the Super Bowl Party a basket raffle was held and Bill Morgan won the wine and chocolate basket. The proceeds of the raffle were to go towards the band expense for the Bicentennial fundraiser and Bill is donating the basket to the dinner to be raffled again.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy G. Tripp-Neu
Secretary.