

## **WNY Southtowns Scenic Byway**

September 2016 Meeting

September 8, 2016 \* 6:30 p.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bob Lennartz, Bill Even, Pat Lamonte, Bill Krebs

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Kim Bowers, Ron Klinczar, Pat Keem

**GUESTS PRESENT:** John Burrell (Mayor of Ellicottville)

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1. May meeting minutes
  - a. Motion was made by Pat Lamonte, seconded by Bill Even to approve the minutes as written.
  - b. Motion was unanimously accepted and carried.
2. Treasurer's Report
  - a. August, 2016
    - i. Beginning Balance = \$3,193.95
    - ii. Ending Balance = \$3,193.95
    - iii. Motion was made by Bob Lennartz, seconded by Bill Krebs to approve the Treasurer's Report as noted above.
  - b. Motion was unanimously accepted and carried.
3. Officer Elections
  - a. Bill Even was nominated by Bill Krebs with a second by Pat Lamonte for a three year term as Vice President.
  - b. Motion was unanimously accepted and carried.
4. Guest Introduction
  - a. John Burrell – Mayor of Ellicottville was introduced and welcomed to the meeting. John is a key supporter of our recent expansion to Cattaraugus County.
  - b. Significant discussions occurred regarding the expansion to Cattaraugus County and our efforts to take full advantage of this opportunity to make the Byway into a regional attraction. E'ville is a major tourist attraction and we should avail ourselves to their expertise in these regards.
5. Member Hiatus
  - a. Ron Klinczar, due to career demands, will be on hiatus from participating in board activities for approximately 1 to 2 years.
  - b. It was the board's unanimous decision to list Ron as excused until his return.
6. Review of \$50,000 NYS Grant application.
  - a. Bob Lennartz reported that our most recent efforts for funding from NYS have fallen through.
  - b. Conversations with Senator Catherine Young have occurred about a grant for \$25,000 with proceeds to be used for construction of interpretive signs.
  - c. An application to Senator Young is forthcoming.

Next regular meeting will be on Thursday November 10, 2016.  
The meeting was adjourned.

Note: Pursuant to the Bylaws, board meetings are held in: January, March, June, September (Annual Meeting) and November.