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**SINKING SPRING BOROUGH**  
**BOSS 2020 REVITALIZATION STEERING COMMITTEE**  
**BUSINESS & COMMUNITY ALLIANCE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 15, 2015**

**Call to Order**

Charles Coleman (President) called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Present:** Charles Coleman (President-D), Merlin Weaver (ED), Brian Hoffa (Borough Council), Lisa Gantner (Borough Council) and Sam Loth (CDS).

Guests: Ken Pick (Berks Redevelopment), Richard & Shelley Chelius (Residents).

*Note: Committees: ED-Economic, D-Design, P-Promotion.*

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Lisa Gantner** to approve the Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2015. **Second by Brian Hoffa.** Motion Passed.

**Treasurers Report**

Dave Meas was absent. Sam Loth reported that as of September 30, 2015 the balance in the general account is \$3,091.07. The Treasurer's report is tabled until the November 15th meeting.

**Real Estate Market Study**

- Sam Loth reported that the first Teleconference call was conducted Wednesday, October 14th and that calls are scheduled for every other Wednesday at 3:00 PM. Two topics of discussion were 1) 'through truck traffic' and 'flex space'. There are differing opinions on how truck traffic through the new retail street should be addressed and on what type of flex space, if any, should be considered for the new town center. Sam will e-mail the Minutes of the Teleconference to all BOSS 2020 members.
- Ken Pick asked whether the Market Study was going to take into account the 'absorption rates' of the various business categories and residential components of the study. Sam answered that, yes, these are specific objectives of the Study.

**Revitalization Plan - Phase 3, Segment 1**

- Richard and Shelley Chelius are residents of Krick Avenue in the Borough. They expressed their concern for the lack of definitive information on whether their home would ultimately be 'taken' to build new roadway infrastructure and when that might occur.
- Brian Hoffa explained the long-term vision for revitalization; traffic mitigation, tax revenue and sustainability. Brian explained that even without the new town center plan, there would still be a need for infrastructure renewal, especially at Penn Avenue & Shillington Road.
- Sam explained that there would be no movement to acquire property for Phase 3 unless funding is found to support it. The MTF grant is only one part of the funding equation.

**Revitalization Plan - Phase 4: TIP (Transportation Improvement Plan) RATS Committee** .

- Brian Hoffa reported that Borough Council has authorized STV Traffic Engineers to complete a comprehensive and detailed budget estimate for Phase 4 of the revitalization plan.
- The RATS Committee will be developing the newly revised TIP in the Fall of 2015 which will be adopted by the MPO (RATS) in the Winter of 2016.
- The Borough and BOSS will need a specific budget for Phase 4 in order for RATS to consider the project for inclusion on the TIP.

**Old & New Business**

- The BOSS 2020 presentation to the Berks County Commissioners has been rescheduled for October 29th at 10:00 AM.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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Next Meeting: Thursday, November 19, 2015  
Borough Council Chambers