

FIRST SUBURBS CONSORTIUM
OF DAYTON OHIO

NEXT MEETING: January 27, 2021
Via Zoom

December 2, 2020

In attendance were:

Willis Serr (Centerville)
Louis Lunsford (Centerville)
Brooks Compton
Mayor, Centerville
Teri Davis (Centerville)
Georgeann Godsey (Harrison Twp)
Roland Winburn (Harrison Twp)
Ron Casey (Harrison Twp)
Richard Shaw (Huber Heights)
Greg Merkle (Clayton)
Bruce Duke, (Kettering & NLC
Board of Directors)
Mark Schwieterman (Kettering)
Steve Byington (Oakwood)
Brenda Fry (Riverside)
Ron Vaughn (Trotwood)

Rick Barnhart (West Carrollton)
Glen Williams (Visitor)
Jay Weiskircher (MVCC)
Jack Jensen, Executive Director
First Suburbs Consortium
Kent Scarrett, Executive Director
Ohio Municipal League
Willis Blackshear Jr. (39th Dist.)
Andrea White (41st Dist.)
Wayne Davis
City Manager, Centerville
Kris McClintick
Harrison Twp. Administrator
Rob Schommer
City Manager Huber Heights

Willis Serr chaired the meeting, thanking our Zoom host.

He introduced Andrea White and Willis Blackshear Jr., our newly elected Representatives. Both Andrea and Willis invited us to share with them our priorities.

Kent Scarrett, Executive Director of Ohio Municipal League spoke on the Municipalities in Ohio. A Municipality is a City or Village which is operated differently from a Township. Ohio is the only state that allows each municipality to administer their own municipal income tax.

Mark Schwieterman put together a panel of local government representatives:

Wayne Davis, City of Centerville. (See attached slides) March 16 was our last City Council meeting prior to Zoom meetings. We are currently having in-person meetings. We recognize that we are only as good as our last Customer Service transaction. We have had sixteen employees who tested positive, all are doing well. Employees tried out working at home – ultimately all our staff have decided to return to the office. We continue to have community events and provide services in the safest way possible for residents and staff.

Kris McClintick, Harrison Township. I want to share the big issues we are facing and how we are addressing them. We lost more than 20% of our revenue due to state cuts. We are involved in updating our goals. We currently have 50% home ownership. Our poverty rate increased from 15 to 28% from 2000 to 2017. We would like to ask your support in allowing Townships to use revenues to assist in homeownership repairs. Also, Group Homes seem to be interested in the Township because we have inexpensive large homes and public transportation. We are not objecting to Group Homes, however we need the ability to assure they become a positive part of the community.

Rob Schommer, Huber Heights. As to COVID we meet via phone to discuss the ability to provide services. We did personal polling of businesses to determine how they were affected. Most larger employers remained open. The support businesses were hit hard. The order – not to shut off water – resulted in immediate delinquencies. We had to establish a program to address this. We focused on inviting people to attend outdoor activities and supporting local businesses.

Mark Schwietermann, City of Kettering. (See attached slides) We received \$3.1 million. We used them for Public Safety. We used CDBG grants for small business grants. We are now offering grants to non-profits. We did not open the water park or the Frazee Pavilion. We brought back many employees that had been laid off. We brought back those under work-at-home in late June. Our income tax revenue was down 5% in 2020 and we expect it to go down another 3% in 2021. Our third largest employer vacated their facility in October.

Bill Serr thanked the presenters and updated attendance.

Minutes were emailed to members. Rick Shaw made a motion and Steve Byington seconded — minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report - \$29,588.76 ending balance. It was moved by Steve Byington and seconded by Rick Shaw to accept this report. – Accepted.

The Nominating Committee reported the following suggested officers as: (Chair, Willis Serr; Vice Chair, Bill Lauter; Secretary, Georgeann Godsey; Treasurer, Rick Barnhart; and Member at Large, Richard Shaw) Additional nominees were requested – None offered. A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of officer. A motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendations of the Nominating Committee - Approved

The 2021 budget was presented (see attached). The dues for 2020 were waived. A motion was made and seconded to approve as presented – approved.

Jack congratulated Bruce Duke on being appointed to the Board of Directors of National League of Cities. We have had three of our alumni serve under National League of Cities.

Special thanks to Mark Schwieterman for assisting First Suburbs in many ways.

Your Managers will be sent a reminder of the need to appoint representatives to our group in 2021.

The Financial Review Committee – Bill Serr will be calling upon members to serve on this committee.

The Chair then adjourned the meeting.

Executive Committee meeting at 4:30 on the first Wednesday of the month.

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