

First Suburbs Consortium Meeting March 23, 2022 Minutes

NEXT MEETING: April 27, 2022
Hosted by the City of Moraine

In attendance:

REPRESENTATIVES

Bruce Duke (Kettering)
Willis Serr (Centerville)
Georgeann Godsey (Harrison Twp)
Danielle Bradley (Harrison Twp)
Roland Winburn (Harrison Twp)
Richard Shaw (Huber Heights)
Anita Kitchen (Huber Heights)
Mark Schwieterman (Kettering)
Jacque Fisher (Kettering)

Norbert Klopsch (Oakwood)
Brenda Fry (Riverside)
Zachary Joseph (Riverside)
Yvette Page (Trotwood)
Ron Vaughn (Trotwood)
Keith Tilton (West Carrollton)
Richard Herbst (Vandalia)
Jeanette Marcus (Moraine)
Steve Byington (Oakwood)

OTHER

Jack Jensen, Executive Director
Dan Wendt, Vandalia City Manager
Tyler Roark, Centerville Finance Director
Andy Switzer, Harrison Township BZA
Joshua Rauch, Riverside City Mgr.
Kris McKlintick, Harrison Twp.
Administrator

Bill Serr chaired the meeting.

A motion was made by Roland Winburn and seconded to approve the February 2022 meeting minutes.

A motion was made to accept the 2021 financial review report. A motion was made and seconded to accept.

A panel of five presented information on how they are using or considering using their ARPA funds. Mark Schwieterman (Kettering City Manager), Kris McKlintick (Harrison Twp. Administrator), Joshua Rauch (Riverside City Manager), Tyler Roark (Centerville Finance Director) and Dan Wendt (Vandalia City Manager).

Bill Serr introduced our panel – asking Mark Schwieterman to begin. It was to give us a wide array of the possible uses of the ARPA funds. If you qualify for revenue loss you have a much wider of array of uses. We will be directing our funds to Community Programs and Capital Improvements. They allocated funds to Day Aire Credit Union to offer down payment assistance as well as rehab assistance. These are grants and do not have to be paid back. We are looking at hunger, mental health and housing. Capital equipment costing \$150,000 or more is another area. These programs will be tracked quarterly for progress. The \$3.6 million for tenant assistance has been used for

about 540 persons, helping pay rent 12 months back and three months forward. In addition, they are offering assistance with utilities.

Dan Wendt– Vandalia City Manager. We received \$1.5 million dollars. They chose to focus on parks and recreation, including the golf course. We allocated a \$1,000 bonus to all full time Police officers, fire fighters, dispatchers and \$500 to part time. We made improvements by installing touchless fixtures. We dedicated \$15,000 to the food pantry towards their emergency capital repairs. A covid relief small business grant for \$5,000 to \$15,000 is available. Ultra violet lights for disinfecting at the fire stations.

Tyler Roark – Centerville Finance Director. We used it towards Public Safety. New walking trails. We are considering some stormwater culvert work. A small grant program for small businesses. We received \$2.48 million. We have an Uptown project.

Kris McClintick – Harrison Township Administrator. We are receiving \$2.3 million dollars. We are setting aside funds to purchase the building north of us for the Sheriff's office for \$4 or \$500,000. There is also a fire station on Needmore at I-75 that is in need of replacement. Housing and people – we want to get it out to the people. We do not have the staff to administer this program, thus we are partnering with County Corp. Businesses, direct assistance; communications in the form of digital signs at the fire stations. Township services – we have an opportunity to expand our park system.

Josh Rauch – City Manager Riverside. We have several buildings owned by the City which are in need of improvements. We are looking at funds for our fire department as well as storm water improvement.

Mark shared that in buying equipment you must follow Federal guidelines. Kris shared that if you spend over \$750,000 in federal money you must have a single-year audit.

Oakwood shared that they received \$500,000 from CARES act. We granted every employee 80 hours of sick time. We have spent about \$150,000 to date. We did touchless faucets, touchless entry doors and put a major effort into ZOOM technology in our council chamber. We are putting the other funds in the general fund and using the ARPA money for a roadway project (noting that costs are 31% higher).

Brian – Huber Heights. We are receiving \$1.4 million. It will be used on water and sewer infrastructure. We are also planning to add a truck stop near 235.

City of Moraine. We bought software for the accounting department, fire department equipment.

Yvette Page – Trotwood. We are moving to expand Broadband, improving tornado warning sirens.

Jeanette Marcus – The City of Moraine has a fire engine on order and needs to replace another.

Huber Heights – Have any communities looked at expanding broadband to public places, parks? Have an IT person review the plan to see that it is being expanded to places it should be.

Bruce Duke shared the urgent need to address Cyber Security. There is a State and National association that will help you review your vulnerability. Be aware that there is Cyber Security

insurance available. Vandalia has security software (phishing) to see if employees may click on questionable sites. Two step verification is important. Backing up your systems, cold storage Using Google or Microsoft keeps you up to date. Build.gov gives you additional information.

Bruce Duke spoke on Talent Attraction and Retention. We are looking for one group to bring the many groups together. We lose about 68% of the people that come to school in this area. He also reported on the National League of Cities Conference. If the Federal government passes the Chip Act, Intel will increase their investment from \$20 billion dollars to \$100 billion dollar investment – making things in America. There was a short discussion on EV vehicles. NLC also had as a speaker, a Mayor in Ukraine. He expressed their need for bullet proof vests, helmets, diapers and food.

Jack Jensen asked approval of the January and February financials. As of March 23rd, the balance was \$30,638.63. Richard Shaw moved and it was seconded to accept the financials – approved.

Our next meeting is on April 27th in Moraine. Richard Shaw moved to adjourn, seconded.

The panel was thanked for their participation and welcomed our new representatives. The new members were asked to stay for a brief orientation after the meeting. Within the PDF file is a list of the preliminary numbers for ARPA funding.

NEXT MEETING: April 27th at the City of Moraine.

Approved: April 27, 2022