

Vision Together 2025
Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 12, 2023 – 2:00 p.m.

Voting Board Members:

Rev. John Bayush	Mark Pasquerilla
Amy Bradley (A)	Bill Polacek (A)
Bob Eyer	Ed Sheehan (A)
Mike Kane	Jeff Stopko (A)
Michael Kerr (A)	Linda Thomson (A)
Tim Leventry	
Sue Mann	

Advisory Board Members:

Amy Arcurio
Tom Chernisky
Ethan Imhoff
Mayor Frank Janakovic
Rev. Sylvia King (A)
Melissa Komar

Guest: B.J. Smith

D. Zucco
J. Yerger

Staff: Rob Forcey

Quan Britt

1. Call to Order

Mike Kane called the meeting to order. A quorum was not present. Items approved will be ratified at the October Board meeting.

State of the Arts Organizations - Don Zucco and John Yerger

As part of the Priority Goal to Sustain and Leverage the Arts, Don Zucco and John Yerger presented a proposal for Vision to work with local Foundations to establish an endowment fund; work with consultants to leverage the endowment with matching funds from outside the community, and direct the 19 arts organizations to seek matching funds as part of the Challenge Grant. Money from the endowment fund would only be released if matching funds are received.

2. Opening Prayer

Rev. John Bayush presented an opening prayer.

3. Consent Agenda – Approval of Minutes

August 8, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Kane asked if there were any questions, concerns or changes to the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 8, 2023.

MOTION: A motion was duly made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 8, 2023.

4. Community Development Director Report Out – Quan Britt

Mr. Britt gave a brief update on Capture Team activities. A more detailed report was included in the meeting packet.

- United Neighborhoods – a Volunteer Appreciation luncheon will be held September 28 at the Holiday Inn.
- The 15 organizations that are part of the Greater Johnstown United Neighborhood Association are eligible for up to \$10,000 each for projects that will help to stabilize their

neighborhoods. Mike Kane asked for a list of each neighborhood organization along with contact information, what project(s) they are considering and how those projects will impact their communities.

5. Executive Director Report Out – Rob Forcey

Vision Metrics and Priority Goal Update

- Currently making sure there is an active leader for each of the seven Priority Goals.
- Working to identify the top metrics for each Priority Goal.
- Need to define Vision's metric regarding population and whether it relates to the City of Johnstown or Cambria County.
- Mike Kane asked that each Board Meeting agenda include a Priority Goal update and the major metrics for that goal.

6. Treasurer's Report – Bob Eyer

2023 Financials Review

Bob Eyer presented financial statements through August 31, 2023.

7. City Manager Report Out – Ethan Imhoff

- Conference Center – Interim management for the Conference Center will end in February 2024. The City has been reaching out to various groups and organizations for interest in continuing to operate the facility as a conference center.

8. JRA Report Out – Melissa Komar

- JRA received funding to continue work on Brownfields and the Bus Center.
- The Weatherization Assistance Program is going well in the Johnstown area with 23 projects completed. Commissioner Chernisky will distribute a flier on the Program to municipalities in northern Cambria County since no applications have been received from that area.

9. For the Good of the Order/New Items

Mark Pasquerilla discussed a potential new opportunity for area youth to participate in a training program on civic engagement and leadership. Jeff Pounding, retired Colonel, US Army Special Forces, has done leadership training and could create a program for teens to encourage leadership potential. Mark will work with Col. Pounding and Rob on a curriculum for this program.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to conduct in the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned.