

## **SECOND CENTURY GENERAL MEETING**

Minutes – May 24, 2011 Noon  
Culver Public Library

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Dick Brantingham.

The Second Century General Meeting minutes of November 30, 2010 were approved as presented.

- I. Rick Tompos, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report, showing a balance of \$2,272.51. He explained that the Marshall County Community Foundation handles all funds and invests them, which this year averaged about a 10% return. Dues letters will be sent out this month he stated.
- II. Chairman Dick Brantingham asked each of the Project Captains to give a brief update on their progress.

### **Ginny Bess Munroe: Government Growth Initiative and Infrastructure,**

- Reported the Town of Culver had received a DR2 Grant for over \$996,000.00 with the Town adding \$425,000.00, which will be used to upgrade the town's sewer plant, as the Town has contracted with the Southwest Conservancy District, which will bring sewer lines to all homes along the South and West Shores of Lake Maxinkuckee
- Additionally, the Town of Culver, through a Safe Routes to School Grant, is replacing curbs, sidewalks and streets of Ohio and Main. The improvements should be finished this summer.
- The Town of Culver has received over 50 applications for the Town Manager position which all Board Members are reviewing. They will take as much time as necessary to hire a person educated in the field of city management.
- The Downtown Revitalization Grant work has been delayed due to the fact that the 2 blocks of downtown are a designated historical district and certain steps must be taken by the Town Board to make note and display of that. The project may be delayed until the fall of 2012.

### **In the absence of Jack Cunningham, Chairman Dick Brantingham reported on the Recreational Path Project,**

Signs await placement by the Culver Town Council and Marshall County, when they will install the posts and signs along their roads as soon as weather permits.

### **Patty Stallings, Housing**

Reported that the Garden Court development of 13 senior citizen apartments has begun and the Town of Culver has finished installing sewer and water lines, which in turn led them to resurface and widen a portion of south Main Street.

### **Ginny Bess Munroe, Community Communications,**

Is working on developing a community wide social network site that would provide Culver Town government bodies an internet, online activity site, which would be inter-active and would help keep citizens abreast of the decisions made by the many boards, commissions and committees. It would be easy to update and would allow better communication between those groups and citizens, which in turn would generate more interest and greater local government accountability for its citizens.

She introduced Jeff Kenney, Editor of the Culver Citizen Newspaper, who alerted the members to certain monetary demands needed to keep the weekly newspaper available. From a civic standpoint the proposed town government internet site could merge with a printed entity.

This committee will continue to study the viability of the newspaper and alternatives available to provide a printed newspaper for the community.

III. Member Dusty Hendricks pointed out that the Courtesy Pier on the east end of the Town Park is provided by donations from the restaurants located in the uptown area. He asked members to remember to thank those owners for their donations.

IV. Member Patty Stallings reported that the Chamber of Commerce was once again sponsoring The Taste Of Culver on June 18, from 11:00AM to 2:00PM.

V. Chairman Dick Brantingham reported the Tree Committee was in its fifth year having planted over 246 trees.

The next General Meeting of the Second Century Committee will take place at Culver Public Library on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at noon.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Stallings, Secretary