

Southampton Railroad Station Society
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, December 16, 2010

Board Attendees:	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>
	Leon Duminiak	Jim Rose
	Charlie Liberto	
	Mark Liss	
	Jim Day	
	Jon Frey	
	Frank Baldwin	

Members/Public Attendees: Regina Frey
Jack Lawson
Don Reese

Topics of Discussion:

OLD BUSINESS

- Utility Services – Mark Liss stated that due to the recent incidents of vandalism, it has become imperative that work commences on the installation of electric service to the building. He recommended that the society purchase the conduit for the electric service and coordinate with the Upper Southampton Township Public Works Dept. to excavate the trench and bury the conduit. Wire can be pulled through the conduit at a later date. Charlie Liberto recommended getting updated estimates for the conduit and electrical service installation along with the cost to repair the damaged foundation for review and discussion at the January board meeting.

SEPTA – no activity.

Insurance – Leon Duminiak reported that the \$579 annual insurance premium has been paid in full.

Station Society Website – Jon Frey reported that for the period between November 15th and December 15th, the society’s website received 307 visits. Jon indicated that he posted a “thank you” message on the website acknowledging those who attended the Holiday Railfest. He also posted photos from the Railfest and the Village Market.

Special Events/Activities – no activity.

Grants – Mark Liss stated that Upper Southampton Township needs to be involved in the grant process in order to demonstrate the local support of the governing body and improve the chances of securing funding.

Fundraising – no activity.

Adjacent Development Project – no activity to report.

Site Work/Activity – no activity.

Station Model Kit – no activity.

Site/Building Issues – Mark Liss reported that the township had finally made good on its promise

to paint over the graffiti. The paint used matches the existing paint very closely. However, it was observed at the Village Market event that the station had suffered further damage. Vandals had dislodged four stones from the front corner of the foundation. The stones were retrieved and deposited in the building for safe-keeping.

Bryn Athyn Wreck Commemoration – Charlie Liberto indicated that work needs to begin on planning the 90th anniversary commemoration for December 2011. This work includes securing the services of an artist to create the commemorative medallion.

Holiday Train Display/Train Show – Charlie Liberto reported that he received a lot of positive feedback from participants and attendees of the event, particularly from Bryn Athyn Borough. He indicated that all of the participants want to return next year. In addition, other people have indicated their desire to participate in next year's event. Charlie estimated that 700 to 800 people attended the event.

Farmer's Market – no activity.

Station Banner – no activity.

NEW BUSINESS

- Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes of November 18, 2010 were accepted as submitted.
- Treasurer's Report – Leon Duminiak reported that a total of \$1804.30 had been deposited in the society's account. This deposit represented the profit from the Holiday Railfest (\$1379.30), 3 new memberships totaling \$125 and a repayment of petty cash (\$300.00) withdrawn for the event. Not deposited was \$47 submitted by Charlie Liberto representing proceeds from the sale of the postage stamp cancellations and a check for \$139.00 received from Craig Hackett as commission for paintings sold at the event.. Leon indicated that he planned to pay off the outstanding balance of \$496.45 owed on the line of credit.
- RCT&HS Donation – the board approved the donation of \$50 to the Reading Company Technical & Historical Society (RCT&HS) in recognition of their participation in the Fourth of July parade. The donation represents half of the \$100 First Place prize money which was won by the station society.

Next Board Meeting - the board will next meet on Thursday 20, 2011 at the Upper Southampton Township Building beginning at 7:45pm.