

BMBA MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER, 2020

**Attendees:** M. Bogosian, T. Rubin, L. Wagoner, M. Hennesey, S. Zelov, D. Cuff, C. Grafman, J. Fish, B. Fish, E. Persson, S. Lustgarten, H. Wilson, C. Felton, K. Barton

- T. Rubin reported his Sporting Club opened one month ago. Business is slow, clubs are the worst industry to be in but the trend looks positive. He also stated that the retail merchants are struggling.
- J. Fish reported his business is slow but busy, not much retail selling but making house calls again
- C. Grafman reported that BMFI is working toward reopening, but a date has not yet been determined.
- S. Zelov reported there will be no tax increase in 2021 and they have dialed back on capitol spending. Township revenue is down with regards to Business Priviledge Tax. The traffic signal project at County Line and Montrose is proceeding forward. There is still money that has not been allocated from the Loan Assistance Program. They are looking into relaxing the guidelines but need HUD approval.
- E. Persson reported that they are still taking applications for the CPG COVID Funding Program. Businesses will receive an average of \$9000-\$13,500.
- Bryn Mawr Fire Co. will not be hosting the 9/11 Ceremony this year. It will be held for just members of the Fire Co.
- H. Wilson reported that the lease for the Gator (watering cart) will cost \$12,000 (\$3000 per month). There is a \$9000 OSB to buy out the lease. He would like to retain the watering cart by either donations or taking out a loan otherwise it will be returned at the end of September. The cart is stored outside in the summer and inside the other 8 months. Hank will look into financing and asked if the township would match any donations that were given.
- D. Cuff reported bank balances remain the same at \$26,795 BMBA and \$24,848 BMDay.
- M. Hennesey reported the hospital is still in Code Orange. Cases of COVID19 still fluctuate between 3 and 10. Doctors are slowly getting back to normal seeing patients however they are following strict procedures. She encouraged everyone to get the Flu shot and M. Bogosian will put in the email blast. The Behavioral Health Expansion is moving forward. Bryn Mawr Hospital is the only hospital that has an in-patient psych ward.
- T. Rubin asked what we can do as an association to help our businesses and the community. It was felt that putting the Holiday lights up was a good start and it is scheduled for after Halloween. J. Fish suggested having sidewalk sales.
- An email blast will go out asking for contributions to Bryn Mawr Beautiful for the watering cart.

- S. Lustgarten reported sales and service are better but inventory is low. The dealership will be hosting Flu shots (regular and 65+) on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00.
- L. Wagoner reported VU is back. There is a COVID dashboard made public for the community to track number of COVID cases at VU. She also reported the restaurants are happy with Take-out Tuesday and Shop Small.
- M. Bogosian reiterated all businesses to send information for the email blast.
- BMDay 2021 may be held in conjunction with Bryn Mawr Fire Co. ceremony.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Bogosian