

**MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 21, 2023**

The March regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Business Development Partnership (BDP) was held at 8:30 A.M. at the Township Administration Building on March 21, 2023. A virtual option was available via Microsoft Teams. The members of the BDP in attendance were J.P. Northrop, Jim Brusilovsky, Allan Nappen, Mary Griffith-Alfarano, and Joy Zwicker. Also present were Beth Staab, Board of Supervisors Liaison, Marianne McConnell, Zoning Officer, Richard Grier, Director of IT, Kristine Willard, Human Resources Administrator, and Carolyn McCreary, Township Manager.

**Regular Meeting**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

**Minutes:** On a motion by Ms. Alfarano and a second by Ms. Zwicker, the February 2023 meeting minutes were approved.

**Public Comment**

- There was no public comment.

**New Business**

- **Presentation: North Penn Community Hosted Internship Program Update – Chris Frey**
  - 3,200 students in the high school, and 115 of them are in the community-hosted internship program (CHIP)
  - The program is more of an externship and requires a 40-hour commitment where the student can earn up to .5 credit hours.
  - Mr. Brusilovsky with Mark’s Jewelers has utilized CHIP and now has one student successfully employed who is undergoing additional training there.
  - Ms. Willard, Mr. Northrop, and Ms. Alfarano spoke about training students to interview and professionally communicate in emails.
  - A job fair is scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 PM for part-time and seasonal work.
  - Ms. McCreary discussed the idea of bringing a panel of employees to the CHIP students to explain the various facets of local government, including public information, recreational programming, and the traditional fire, police, and public works roles. She noted that not every job requires a college degree.

**Old Business**

- **Business Updates** – This month’s business updates had common themes, resulting in more of a discussion than a roundtable share. Topics included fraud, recent banking collapses, and the slim pickings of residential real estate in the area.
- **Future Presentations**
  - April’s proposed presentation is on the topic of cybersecurity.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the BDP, the meeting adjourned at 9:32am. The

next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 @ 8:30am at the Township Administration Building. This meeting will be held in person with a virtual option available.