

## TROY CHAMBER SEPTEMBER MINUTES

The Troy Chamber of Commerce held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 6 at the First Citizens Community Bank in Troy.

President Bonnie Seeley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The Minutes of the Aug. 2 meeting were reviewed and approved, with a Motion by Robyn Cummings, seconded by Jenifer Putnam.

Treasurer Elizabeth Card gave the Treasurer's Report.

### Committee Reports

Seeley advised they are getting ready for Hometown Christmas. It will be held at the Troy Vets Club and the First Baptist Church, where vendors can set-up to sell their items.

The Chamber is looking for more businesses to be involved with specials so a small brochure can be prepared listing each of them with their specials.

The Halloween Parade will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 31. Troy Vets Club will provide the judges and there was a recommendation to have the floats arrive 20 minutes before kids.

The Car Show has been very profitable so far this year. There was only one cancellation. Unfortunately, they will need to purchase another tent. Trish Wilkinson made a Motion to purchase another tent, seconded by Putnam.

Cummings will take care of acquiring a banner with the Chamber's name and logo on it, so have it for the Car Show and any other event.

Card reported on the merchandise. The buildings are in and working on the Troy Vets Club ornaments.

Amy Ward handles the facebook page, so businesses can contact her to get their business recognized.

Seeley is working on updating the website. Tami Bethune of BTG Solutions, is also attempting to find a student or someone from the school to work on the website.

Cummings provided the Bradford County Tourism Promotion Agency's update. The Room Tax Grant for non-profit organizations that are a 501(c) and c (6) deadline is Oct. 13. The application and overview can be downloaded off the website at [www.visitbradfordcounty.com](http://www.visitbradfordcounty.com). Cummings advised they also have access to grant writers, which are free to provide assistance to write grants.

The majority of the categories for grants are to assist with advertising.

Last year they had \$127,000 in grant money for Bradford County.

Putnam of Troy Vets Club stated a Boy Scout will be doing an Eagle Scout project by building a monument with statutes on the new road and planting a memorial garden in the Spring.

Also, Putnam advised their auxiliary has a hospital shed, which houses different medical items, which are free to the public to borrow, but currently they are short of beds.

### Business Announcements

A thank you card was received from the Bradford County Heritage Association for the \$250 Scholarship donation they received from the Chamber.

The Lions Club have been very successful and at the next official meeting this month, they will announce a Raffle at the Troy Vets Club on Oct. 21. In addition, they partnered with the Rotary Club and the First Presbyterian Church for the free dinner, the second Monday of every month, which have 50 - 80 people attending, and do a lot of take outs also. They keep seeing the need for the Christmas baskets grow.

The Chamber is planning to hold their December meeting on Dec. 6 at the Troy Vets Club in the evening, with a meal, similar to last year, which was well received.

A new business, Good Grief Refillery, seems to be doing quite well with their business.

### New Business

The Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority acknowledged some of their employees with their years of service. Wilkinson is with them ten years, but two board members have been with the company since it opened.

In addition, NTSWA will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year and are arranging a public event to be held on Oct. 19. They will offer tours of their facility and light refreshments. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held at the Troy Area School Administration Building at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 4.