

**Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report
for COW Meeting - 12/15/15**

The THM board met on 12/07/15 for the November meeting.

1. **Heat and Air Unit** - The heat and air unit in the Museum is 30 years old and thought to be the original unit when the museum opened. The unit was not used excessively in the first 15 years and may be useful for many more years. The unit appears to be in working order but needs to be evaluated to make sure our collections are not in danger.

2. **Museum CD** - The Museum CD matures 12/30/15. The Museum currently has about \$12,000 from memberships, donations and book sales over the last 2 years to add to the CD.

3. **THM Sign** - Plans are being discussed about a new sign. The Museum doesn't have enough money from Sunny Hinshaw memorials to cover the cost of a completely new sign. We have been told that repairing the hole in the current sign cannot be done. We are open to ideas about a new sign and would like for the sign to be similar to City signs for a uniform look.

4. **Sister City Update** - Sherman Banks of the Sister City program was in town for a municipal meeting and met with Russell Della Rosa, Representative Jana Della Rosa and Clint Penzo. Our sister city, Valli Del Pasubio, was clear that they do not have funds to participate in the program but are open to other ideas. Mr. Banks is working on a plan that would not cost Valli Del Pasubio any money but could cost Tontitown about \$100 per year. We are not sure of the benefits of this program and need more information to justify the fee. Heather will contact Mr. Banks about the fee and benefits.

The next Museum board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 4.

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