

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

APRIL 2, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with the following members present: B. Blue, C. Hornung, B. Garlich, D. Dietrich, D. McDowell, D. Schill and Kim Breyley.

Also Present: D. Weir, Administrator, Brant Smith, NEO Realty

Agenda: No Additions or Deletions

Minutes of March 26, 2014 were presented for approval. McDowell moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Hornung. All in favor: Yeas (6).

OLD BUSINESS:

W. High Strip Plaza - Brant Smith, NEO Realty was in attendance to address some concerns the committee had concerning progress of the improvements to the W. High Strip Plaza. Many of the punch list of improvement items still remain to be completed. Brant Smith explained that they are limited on the amount of funding they have available and is looking to have the village purchase the car wash property and use the proceeds to improve the strip plaza. Dietrich noted that no time line has been established for any of the improvements. Committee asked Dan to get an appraisal of the property from a firm outside of the local area. Mayor Garlich suggested talking to the County Auditor for a determination of value of the property. Dan suggested also contacting the appraisers who recently appraised the B&O right of way for the Park District.

Pole Removal on W. High Street – Dan talked with Cheryl Scott, Engineer from Windstream, Cheryl is no longer the engineer for the Middlefield area and said that someone new will be assigned to this area and she will pass along the information on the poles to the new person and the person will contact Dan. Committee suggested having both Windstream and FirstEnergy attend a meeting to explain why they cannot remove the poles. Dan suggested that he will pursue this issue with both aggressively and will get back with the committee.

Update on Development Projects – General discussion was held by committee on various development projects in the village and the progress of the projects.

Economic Development Director Candidate – General discussion was held by committee. Search is narrowed down to one individual. Mayor Garlich, Blue and Hornung will discuss the candidate and appointment with Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

Being no further business at this time, B. Blue moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.