

Economic Development Committee Minutes

June 22, 2017

The Economic Development Committee quarterly meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm with the following members present: Mayor Ben Garlich, Mr. Carl Hornung, Mr. Dave Dietrich, Mr. Bill Blue, and Mr. Dave McDowell. Ms. Kim Breyley and Mr. Dick Schill are excused.

Also Present: Leslie Gambosi-McCoy, Economic Development Director and Ms. Joyce Porozynski

Agenda: Additions/Deletions: None

Minutes of November 22, 2016 were presented for approval. Mr. McDowell moved to approve the minutes, Mr. Hornung seconded. All in Favor: Yeas (5). Correction regarding the meeting time. Discussed a 5:30 start time but there is already a meeting at that time so the EDC will have to stay at 6:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Revolving Loan Fund – Update:** Ms. McCoy stated that JM Bruening received a loan of \$122,000.00 for 120 months, Anidaig LLC received a loan of \$78,000.00 for 120 months and Vinny's received a loan of \$38,000 for 84 months and he has 75 month left to pay. The village will receive approximately \$24,500 total in interest which is about 17.7% return. Will apply again with the USDA in the spring for a matching grant. Discussion regarding the option for funding the Revolving Loan Fund. Discussion regarding the Medical Marijuana businesses that are looking at the village. Ms. Porozynski stated that she has heard negative comments regarding the medical marijuana businesses.
2. **Workforce Development – Programming:** Ms. McCoy stated that she is looking at getting local businesses together to see how to get employees to apply at the entry level and stay through their careers. Have businesses share their best practices. This is not a unique issue here in the village but state wide. Discussion regarding options.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Development Projects:**
 - Vet Clinic – Still under construction.
 - Briar Hill – Should start construction this year.
 - Chem Tech Phase 2 –
 - Retail – TSC is moving to the old Ames building and the building is being remodeled, Perfect occasions is moving to the vacant spot next to Geauga Auto. Metzenbaum is taking over the vacant space where the arcade was. Discussion regarding the house building in Woodsong. Cottonwood Condo is looking at another unit, the unit just built has been filled. The driveway will be installed behind Giant Eagle within the next couple weeks off of Tare Creek. Discussion

regarding the ODOT possible moving to the village. Discussion regarding the corner where the dry cleaners use to be.

2. **Comprehensive Plan 2017:** Discussion regarding the freshening up of the website and what is still needed. Update the weaknesses and probably the undeveloped property page. Discussion regarding the various agencies that assist the village with finding potential business that are looking to relocate. Asked each committee member for suggestions regarding the plan and any changes that might need to be made.

Being no further business at this time the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.