

**Village of Middlefield Economic Development Committee Minutes
January 15, 2014**

The committee met in regular session. Mr. William Blue called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Ms. Kim Breyley, Mr. Dave Dietrich, Mayor Ben Garlich, Mr. Carl Hornung, Mr. Dave McDowell, and Mr. Dick Schill.

Also present: Dan Weir – Administrator

Agenda: agenda was accepted as presented.

Approval of Minutes: December 3, 2013 regular meeting – Mr. McDowell moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Dietrich seconded; Mr. Hornung abstained; motion CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update on W. High Strip Plaza: Discussion was held. Mr. Weir stated he received notification from the Laura Jane Musser Fund; unfortunately no funds are available for the Village to make improvements to the property. Mr. Weir also provided an update on the poles. FirstEnergy stated that the poles are not theirs and will not be able to remove them. Mr. Blue asked Mr. Weir to contact Windstream.

Third Dimension Expansion Plan: Discussion was held. The Village has provided all the required information.

Economic Director Position: Discussion was held. Six candidates have been chosen and interviews are set for January 22nd, at 7:00 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. and one set for January 29th. Mr. Blue requested the resumes be forwarded to the committee for review before the meetings.

MV Minipark Ideas: Ms. Breyley gave a brief presentation. Lengthy discussion was held on the use of the minipark. Mr. Dietrich explained a state grant that is available that would help with some of the cost of developing the minipark. He also suggested that the Village contact the park district. Mayor Garlich likes the drawing and developing the minipark. Mr. Dietrich will have a meeting with Amy about the state grants. Ms. Breyley will contact John Oros for a meeting between the Village and the park district. Mr. McDowell announced that he still wants a survey be done.

Farmers Market: Discussion was held. The committee decided that the Village will not be holding a farmers market this summer. Ms. Breyley will notify everyone.

Market Analysis: Discussion was held on what the Village plans on doing with the market analysis. Ms. Breyley stated she would like a paper copy of the market analysis. Mayor Garlich suggested that we use a printing company to put together a copy. Mayor Garlich stated that he will be presenting the market analysis to the Chamber on Tuesday, March 10th.

Development Projects: The committee reviewed and discussed the progress on the projects.

NEW BUSINESS – None

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GENERAL DISCUSSION

The committee opened the meeting to general discussion on projects and development projects.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Blue moved, Mr. McDowell seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.; motion CARRIED.

PENDING

- Village Entrances
- Port Authority
- Market Analysis
- Storm water
- Property Maintenance
- Airport
- Job Incentives
- Apprentice Program
- W. High Street Retail Area
- Development Projects

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