

**Economic Development Committee Minutes**  
**March 13, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: B. Blue, K. Breyley, D. Dietrich, Mayor Garlich, D. McDowell, D. Schill, and R. Wiech.

Also present: Dan Weir – Administrator

Agenda: add to new business, Methodist Church.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Regionalized Storm Water Plan – Brief discussion was held.
2. Village Promotional CD status – Discussion was held on the proposal from New Image Media. The footprint for the video was also discussed. Lengthy discussion was held on the footprint of the video. Dietrich noted more information would be needed on the size of the town and the location; visual aid. Wiech suggested showing Geauga County and pinpointing the Village's location. Dietrich also suggested some quick hits on Village facts. Wiech suggested removing the farm land portion in the video. Blue stated that it would be more interesting to shot in the center of town with a buggy driving by. Dietrich also suggested removing Middlefield Cheese, since the business is not located in the Village. We should focus on businesses in the Village. Dietrich stated that the Village needs to focus on what the Village has to offer. Mayor Garlich asked the committee to review all the discussion that was held and think about the final footprint.
3. Entrances into the Village status – Ideas were discussed on changing the front door to the municipal center and what should be put on the front doors.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Methodist Church – Extensive discussion was held. The church would like to purchase some property and rebuild. Mayor Garlich asked Weir to draft a letter.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Farmers Market status – Nothing to discuss at this time.
2. Community Garden status – Mayor Garlich stated that he may delegate the soil testing to the service department.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Geauga County Airport – Mayor Garlich stated there are advantages to expanding the airport runway. Lengthy discussion was held about the specifics of the airport.
2. B&O Right of Way – Weir gave a brief presentation on the B&O. Weir provided the committee with copies of the recent appraisal. Weir suggested that the Village sale the B&O because it is a maintenance issue. The B&O is mainly used for buggy traffic. Weir stated the Village can still retain utilities; the Village would receive utility monies without the maintenance issues; there is no advantage to own the property. Lengthy discussion was held on whether the

Village should look into selling the B&O or not. McDowell asked what it cost the Village to maintain the B&O. Weir did not have a figure but explained some of the repairs that need to be made soon. Mayor Garlich stated he would like to see the agreement with the Village and the park district.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:40 p.m., Mayor Garlich moved to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of land acquisition, seconded by Wiech. All in favor: All Yeas (7).

The meeting reconvened at 9:19 p.m.

Minutes for February 13, 2012: minutes were presented for approval. Wiech made a motioned with the following correction, their, not there, seconded by McDowell. All in favor: Yeas (7).

Being no further business at this time, Wiech moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

## **PENDING**

1. Shared Services
2. Auditor Recommendations
3. Residential Development
4. Business Proposals
5. Website Demo – Village Businesses
6. Review Signage Regulations - Commercial
7. Village Comprehensive Plan
8. W. High Street Corridor
9. Consider Acquisition of Key Properties
10. Flex Building Space