

**Economic Development Committee Minutes  
October 2, 2013**

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

Also present:

Agenda: no additions or deletions.

Minutes for September 17, 2013: minutes were presented for approval as amended to include previous discussion on post office and Mayor Garlich's commitment to reach out to local county and state officials to solicit help and support. McDowell moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Dietrich. All in favor: Yeas (5), D. Shill abstained.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Retail Survey (Status) – Breyley gave a brief presentation on the day with Ms. Kirby Date. Breyley and Ms. Date visited various Amish businesses with the scope concentrating on businesses that catered to English, Amish, or Tourist. Breyley presented the committee with Ms. Kirby's notes. During the visits, Breyley discussed with the Amish and learned about their spending habits. Lengthy discussion was held on how to get retail information for Kirby. Dietrich will work with the county and if he cannot get the detail then McDowell and Schill would be enlisted to reach out personally to proper owners.
2. Web Site Analysis – Breyley gave a brief update on the web site analysis. Total visits have been 40,000 since the inception. Quarterly trends are good.
3. Director of Economic Development – Discussion was held on the position and potential candidate. The job structure was also discussed. The position will be advertised to attract the best candidate.
4. Development Projects – Lengthy discussion was held.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Letter to Dillen Products – Discussion was held. A letter to Myers Industries on tax abatement being provided through cooperation with schools and potential income tax rebate with new legislation currently in process. Also need to revisit with county on the subject.
2. Chem Tech – An update was given to the committee on Chem Tech process and their desire to move dirt by the end of October. Dietrich was asked for his advice on how to insure we are protected, but able to help expedite.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:47 p.m., Wiech moved to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of land acquisition, seconded by McDowell. Roll call: Yeas: (6).

The meeting reconvened at 8:14 p.m.

Being no further business at this time, Mayor Garlich moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

**PENDING**

1. Village Entrances
2. Port Authority
3. Market Analysis
4. Storm water
5. Property Maintenance
6. Airport