

**Village of Middlefield Economic Development Committee Minutes  
November 13, 2013**

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

**Also present:** Dan Weir – Administrator and Ms. Anita Stocker – Director Community and Economic Development.

**Agenda:** agenda was accepted as presented.

**Approval of Minutes:** October 29, 2013 regular meeting – Mr. McDowell moved to approve the minutes; Ms. Breyley seconded; Mr. Wiech abstained; motion CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Anita Stocker:** Mayor Garlich announced that the Village is working on legislation for a tax incentive for new businesses coming to the Village. Mayor Garlich asked if the county has any funding for local employers. Ms. Stocker stated the best the county could provide would be a loan package. Mr. Wiech asked if there is any work force development. Ms. Stocker stated she would contact Denise Tomazic in the morning and see what is available. Ms. Stocker and the committee held lengthy discussion on how to help with funding for local employer. Mayor Garlich would like to get a packet of information out by the end of the month.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Update on W. High Strip Plaza:** Mayor Garlich shared an e-mail he received about the progress on the W. High Strip Plaza update. Mayor Garlich announced that Mr. Weir spoke with FirstEngery about the pole. The poles can be relocated for a small fee. Mr. Weir stated that he is not sure if those are power poles; he believes the poles are from the telephone company. Mr. Weir will contact Windstream to see if the poles are telephone poles.

**Economic Director Position:** Mayor Garlich announced that council approved the creation of the position. Lengthy discussion was held on how the interviews will be handled.

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

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

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

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**CALENDAR**

Ms. Breyley stated that Ms. Date will be at the Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mayor Garlich announced that Ms. Wilber would like to be added to the agenda in two weeks.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Garlich moved, Mr. McDowell seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 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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