

Economic Development Committee Minutes February 22, 2018

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, Mr. Dave McDowell, Ms. Kim Breyley and Mr. Dick Schill.

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

Agenda: Additions/Deletions: Add Workforce to New Business.

Minutes of September 28, 2017 were presented for approval. Mr. Hornung moved to approve the minutes, Mr. Dietrich seconded. All in Favor: Yeas (7).

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Revolving Loan Fund** – Account update: There is about \$20,000.00 being repaid each year. Discussion regarding putting more money into the fund.
2. **Development Projects**
 - ***Briar Hill:** Ms. McCoy stated that she has been working with Mr. Ohman regarding the 55+ over living community.
 - ***Chem Tech Phase 3:** Still planning on this project.
 - ***Retail:** Aldi's is still moving forward; deed should be filed this week.Discussion regarding Bill's Big Burger and Hunger Squad. The old KFC building is moving along. Heritage Meats is under remodel in the old Chinese Buffet Unit. Discussion regarding the opening of the Dollar Tree.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Discussion on inquiry question of annexation for a senior apartment complex:** Lengthy discussion held.
2. **JobsOhio Site Authenticated Site Visit for Geauga Industrial Park is 2-28-2018:** Ms. McCoy stated that this will be an all-day event but has requested the committee attend at 2:30 pm. Gave a list of people who will be attending. Lengthy discussion regarding the logistics and how the process works.
3. **Workforce:** Mayor Garlich stated that he sees many help wanted signs throughout the village and hears that many businesses cannot find good labor. Lengthy discussion regarding this issue.

Being no further business at this time the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.