

## **Economic Development Committee Minutes**

### **November 20, 2018**

The Economic Development Committee meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm with the following members present: Mr. Dave Dietrich, Mr. Bill Blue, Mr. Dave McDowell, Mr. Dick Schill, Mayor Garlich and Ms. Kim Breyley.

**Also Present:** Ms. Joyce Porozynski, Mr. Brian Kelly, Ms. Jennifer Fekete, Ms. Rebecca Fisher and Ms. Barb Rayburn.

Pledge of allegiance was done.

**Agenda:** No additions or deletions to the agenda.

**Minutes of October 25, 2018** were presented for approval. Mr. Hornung moved to approve the minutes, motion seconded by Mayor Garlich. All in Favor: Yeas (6).

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **School Consolidation – Survey to District:** Mayor Garlich stated that they have the option to have a survey completed. The School Board had the option to have this done for free from Kent, but the school board did not take advantage of the opportunity. The quote is \$18,500. This includes town hall meeting and the survey being done. The company will be submitting a time line regarding getting the survey out. This survey will go out to any resident in the school district. A great school district makes a great community and the declining enrollment at Cardinal school is concerning. Mayor Garlich spoke with a Berkshire School Board Member and they have 60 kids in open enrollment this year and they are expecting that number to continue to increase. Mr. Dietrich stated that he has some concerns regarding the survey going from the mailbox to the garbage can. The main route of disbursement will be direct mailing. The timing of this is going to be critical so this committee may need to meet more frequently as required. The committee will see the survey and will critique it along with council. The question was raised whether the survey will include the cost of the construction of the building and also the 1% income tax. Mr. Dietrich asked where the timeline is with the Architectural firm. Mayor Garlich stated that it is a year of planning and 2 years of construction. One of the deterrents that the school board had was there were no hard figures at the time the original discussion took place. Mayor Garlich stated that the village will put accurate numbers in the survey that will be coming from the auditors and the Berkshire School Board.
  
2. **Ideas for vacant spaces:** Discussion regarding the old Tractor Supply space and the other vacant units in that plaza. Hornung stated that he suggested a Good Will Store in the old Tractor Supply Store. Discussion regarding how with Aldi's coming in Giant Eagle and Sav-a-Lot has improved the appearance. Discussion regarding contacting Gabe's for the Tractor Supply Store space. Also

discussed Ollies. Would like to attract a better quality of clothing store than Walmart.

3. **Website Recommendations:** None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Being no further business at this time the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

## **PENDING:**

1. Storm Water
2. Airport
3. Job Incentives
4. Apprentice Program
5. W. High St. Strip Plaza