

Economic Development Committee Minutes

June 11, 2019

The Economic Development Committee meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm with the following members present: Mr. Dave Dietrich, Mr. Scott Klein, Mr. Bill Blue, Mr. Dave McDowell, and Mayor Garlich. Ms. Kim Breyley and Mr. Schill are excused.

Also Present: Ms. Leslie McCoy-Village Administrator and Ms. Joyce Porozynski

Pledge of allegiance was done.

Agenda: No additions or deletions to the agenda.

Minutes of January 8, 2019 were presented for approval. Mr. McDowell moved to approve the minutes as corrected, motion seconded by Mr. Klein. All in Favor: Yeas (6). Questioned the mailing of the surveys only one going to each household.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Transportation Improvement Plan:** Ms. McCoy stated that she thought this would be a good committee to run this study through. The cost of the study will be paid with grant money. The study is in the very early stages of planning. To obtain implementation dollars a study must be on file. The grant has been awarded. NOACA will send out the contracts and then the Mayor will sign the agreement. The contracts will be reviewed, depending on time frame the decision will be made if the village will use NOACA or do an RFQ. Mr. McDowell would like to see the post office parking issue looked at with this study. Mr. McDowell would also like to see the study look at the semi-trucks that travel the village on a daily basis. Would like to see another bypass to the South. Mr. Dietrich reminded everyone that what is built must be maintained. Discussion regarding Tare Creek Parkway and the amount of work that is needed to this road. The study should take approximately a year. Ms. Porozynski asked if the study would look at bus transportation. Ms. McCoy stated that the bus transportation is through the County on a response/demand basis.

2. **Exploring new ways EDC can continue to work towards expanding the village economy and showcase our area as a proven, premier global business location:** Mayor Garlich stated he was reading an article about Food Deserts basically in poor economic areas there are no grocery stores due to residents shopping at the dollar stores. So with this idea what businesses does the village need or desire. The village is unique in that there is a substantial amount of industry and great businesses. Residents don't need to leave the village. There are many businesses in town that residents can take advantage of. Discussion regarding the Revolving Loan Fund and implementing an early payment penalty. The committee would like to see more restaurants such as the

Zeppé's in Newbury or the Winking Lizard in Mayfield. Maybe a craft brewery or a winery. Discussion regarding how to increase the population; how to attract families. This would help the village and the school. Most of the new residents are seniors. Bill Blue suggested maybe an income tax deduction for each family member. The village needs to be destination. The restaurants that are here are very good just looking at a different variety.

3. **General Discussion:** Discussion regarding the Car Wash behind Dollar General and the fact that it has been broken into, the neighbors are concerned for their safety. The Car Wash need so much work and it does not seem to be very used. The landowner does not want to put any money into the facility and the tenant does not want to put any money into the building either. Mr. Dietrich stated that Mr. Boksansky is currently working on trying to get the building cleaned up.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

PENDING:

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