

Economic Development Committee Meeting

Monday, March 11, 2024, at 6:00 pm
Village Hall
405 Main St. Pecatonica, IL

1. **Call to Order-** The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Collin Hardy at 6:00 pm on Monday, March 11, 2024.
2. **The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited.**
3. **Roll call –** Chair Collin Hardy, Trustees Cheryl Bean and Kim Gipe, and Committee member Nick McGee, Jennifer Vanderjack, Jack Stroup, and Dawn Bratrud were present.

Also in attendance Village President Tom Heister, Village Treasurer Sherry Bessert and Michelle Hendrix from Bennett Construction.

4. **Additions or correction to the agenda-**

None

5. **Approve the Agenda-**

Motion made by Trustee Bean seconded by Trustee Gipe to approve the agenda. A roll call vote was taken, all in favor motion approved.

6. **Public Comment-** None

7. **Approve February 12, 2024, Minutes-**

A motion was made by Committee Member Stroup and seconded by Trustee Bean to approve the February 12, 2024, Minutes. Discussion. A roll call vote was taken Hardy yes, Gipe Abstain, Bean yes, McGee yes, Stroup yes, Vanderjack yes and Bratrud yes. Motion passes 6-0-1.

8. **Approve February 26, 2024, Minutes-**

A motion was made by Trustee Gipe and seconded by Trustee Bean to approve the February 26, 2024, Minutes. Discussion. A roll call vote was taken Hardy yes, Gipe yes, Bean yes, McGee yes, Stroup Abstain, Vanderjack yes and Bratrud yes. Motion passes 6-0-1.

9. **Review and Approve Bennett Construction Inc. Street Closure Request-**

Michelle Hendrix from Bennett Construction reviewed her request for Street Closure. Discussion.

A motion was made by Trustee Bean and seconded by Committee Member McGee to approve Bennett Constructions Inc. Street Closure request for Saturday April 27, 2024. Discussion. A roll call vote was taken, all in favor motion approved.

10. Discuss Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget-

The committee discussed the proposed budget.

11. Items for Discussion

A. Registration Form for Business Directory-

The committee discussed sending out new forms to be completed by the businesses in the Village to update and put information on the new website. The committee decided to remove some information from the form and Darla Stram will email all businesses on file and post both to the Village website and Facebook to encourage businesses to reply. Discussion

B. Discuss Labor Day Events-

This event is being planned so that the Village groups, organizations, clubs, and businesses can promote yourselves. The Economic Development Committee is planning the day; however, the groups will be responsible to provide events of their own. The committee discussed insurance requirements for the event. Village President Heister will contact our insurance carrier and find out more details of insurance coverage that would be required. The committee will have a few events planned such as the 5k run/walk, Bags tournament, Street Dance, Movie night, Night Farmers Market, Food Trucks, and Keg water fight. The Committee is having a special meeting on Saturday April 13, 2024, to continue to discuss the Labor Day Event and they encourage the committee to attend and bring their ideas. Village President Heister is going to reach out to Bay Valley to see if they would be willing to help sponsor a Street Dance. The committee also discussed including a Dash for Trash Event around the same time. Discussion.

C. Discuss relocation of Memorial Bricks-

The committee reviewed options for the design and locations for the Memorial wall. Discussion. The committee agreed on the design which included bench seating. They also are looking at the location by the parking lot on Main and 4th Streets as the location.

12. Next Meeting – Special Meeting Saturday April 13, 2024

13. Adjournment- A motion made by Trustee Bean seconded by Trustee Gipe to adjourn. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.