

Business Development Commission Request To Serve

The Village of Hampshire has enacted an ordinance establishing a Business Development Commission.

The Commission's focus is on business retention, business expansion and attracting new businesses. It acts as an advisory group to the Village Board of Trustees. It assesses opportunities and suggests directions that may be of interest to the Village Trustees.

Currently the Village has very limited staff time dedicated toward economic growth. The Economic Development Committee also has limited man power resources.

The Business Development Commission will attempt to explore opportunities to develop public/private partnerships that would attract new commercial and industrial businesses to the Village. Thereby resulting in increasing local sales and real estate tax revenues, creating new employment opportunities, diversifying the local economy along with enhancing the community's image and quality of life.

This is a grass roots effort. The Commission will be comprised of a seven member board. It will consist of one Village Trustee and six members made up of community stake holders, especially those with backgrounds in leadership, marketing, banking, commercial real estate, commercial and industrial development and a desire to help Hampshire grow. Five of the seven members must be Hampshire residents with the sixth and seventh ones possibly being non-residents having a financial tie to the Village.

The members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Village President with the advice and consent of the Village Board of Trustees. The members will be appointed to serve a three year term. The Village President and the Chairman of the Economic Development Committee shall be ex-officio members of the Commission. The Commission will meet once each month, on a regularly scheduled day and time to be determined. All meetings shall be held in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5ILCS 120/* et seq.

If you wish to be considered for a position on this Commission, please direct your request with a short statement as to why you want to serve and what talents that you feel you could bring to the group.

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