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Business Development Commission
Meeting Minutes
234 S. State St, Hampshire, IL 60140
(Virtual Meeting Optional)

The regular meeting of the Business Development Commission of Hampshire was called to order by Commissioner Krajecki in person and through a MS Teams video chat on September 14th, 2022.

1. Call to order at 6:32 pm

In-person: Commissioners Ryan Krajecki, Karen Trzaska, Bill Swalwell, David Pizzolato and Assistant to the Village Manager Josh Wray.

Roll call confirmed - (quorum established)

2. Public Comments:

- None

3. Meeting Minutes Approval From 8/10/22:

- Commissioner Pizzolato moved to make a motion to approve with noted changes to the 8/10/22 meeting minutes
 - Second by Commissioner Trzaska
 - Motion carried by voice vote:
 - Ayes: Trzaska, Swalwell, Krajecki and Pizzolato
 - Nays: None
 - Absent: Kelly

4. Update of the Downtown Streetscape Project

- Assistant to the Village Manager Josh Wray discussed that the native landscaping was recently installed and will sustain our environment. In addition, new LEDs have been received to update the historic clock. The last remaining element, the new streetlights, are on order.

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5. Beautification Committee Report

- Commissioner Swalwell presented the following Façade Program updates:
 - Blocks - Painting is done, the rest of the update is in progress
 - Rose Garden - Approved façade and the owner is in progress of retaining a contractor. There is question as to when the project will begin due to the contractor's availability.
 - The Kave façade update is in progress
 - Hampshire Social - Exterior works is near complete. Interior work is in progress and their anticipated grand opening is expected near Christmas

6. Developing a long-term strategy for the Business Development Commission

- Commissioner Krajecki recapped the work that the BDC has completed throughout the year regarding the long-term strategy as it relates to business development for the Village.
- The BDC reviewed and discussed the future business strategy as it applies to Village Approval and Infrastructure approaches. Topics included attracting/retaining businesses, diversifying the local economy, enhance the community's image and provide additional resources to prospective businesses as it relates to both.
- Next steps would be to identify the top strategies to focus on.

7. Hampshire's Very Own

- The current schedule of Hampshire's Very Own articles will be as follows:
 - Chick n' Dip
 - Business Development Commission & Beautification Committee
 - RK Services
 - Krueger Accounting
 - Iron Wok

8. Update on New or Existing Business Update

- New commercial businesses in town include Harps Lounge, Hampshire Social, Garden Berry and Alfano's
- The owner of the property on Rt. 72 has applied for a permit to place a strip mall
- Romke/72 Rt. - One tenant is planning to close on 16 acres of the property and the owner is looking to develop the land this fall or next spring.

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- Logistics Park updates (I-90 truck stop): Vista and Freight Union are currently being developed and the Village received an inquiry from a global logistics facility for up to a 20 acre parcel of land.

9. Adjourn

- Commissioner Pizzolato moved to make a motion to adjourn at 8:28 pm.
 - Second by Commissioner Swalwell
 - Motion carried by voice vote:
 - Ayes: Swalwell, Trzaska, Krajecki and Pizzolato
 - Nays: None
 - Absent: Kelly

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