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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 Pizzolato in person and through a MS Teams video chat on September 8, 2021

Call to order at 6:32 pm

Virtual: Commissioners Karen Trzaska

In-person: Commissioners Susie Kopacz, Bill Swalwell, David Pizzolato, Trustee Aaron Kelly and Village Administrator Jay Hedges (quorum established)

Absent: Commissioners Ian Lamp & Ryan Krajecki

Public Comments:

- None

Meeting Minutes Approval From 8/11/21:

- Commissioner Kopacz moved to make a motion to approve with noted changes to the 8/11/21 meeting minutes.
 - Second by Commissioner Swalwell
 - Motion carried by voice vote:
 - Ayes: Kopacz, Trzaska, Pizzolato, Swalwell and Kelly
 - Nays: None
 - Absent: Lamp & Krajecki

BDC Ambassador Program

- Commissioner Trzaska discussed that she spoke with Village Administrator Hedges about starting the program by reaching out to three local business CEOs that can be advocates for Hampshire to new businesses. Commissioner Trzaska will report back on the status in October.

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Beautification Committee Report

- Commissioner Swalwell had no updates on the work that has been approved for Façade grants, as work has not begun.
- The BDC discussed the current Façade application and does it need to evolve over time as business needs may change. The BDC feels that the recent re-writing of the application encompasses enough flexibility to allow for changes that maybe necessary to improve a buildings façade.
- Commissioner Swalwell will review the current application to see if any updates should be made. If so, he will present back to the BDC in October.

Hampshire's Very Own

- The current schedule of Hampshire's Very Own articles will be as follows:
 1. Roy's Place
 2. Ross' Gaspump Garage
 3. Jimmy's Sports Bar
 4. Christina Michelle Salon
 5. O'Reily Family Dental
 6. Open
 7. Chick n' Dip

New or Existing Business Update

- Village Administrator Hedges provided an update on the following projects:
 - There are currently several looking to build on the north end of the Village (near the tuck stop), including transportation, logistics and biofuel companies.
 - The current owner of the property near Allen's Corners is interested in adding a high-end camping park, which Village Administrator Hedges is reviewing the current zoning so it entails the specific usage and not a general trailer park.

Other

- Commissioner Pizzolato mentioned that the BDC traditionally would work to get business startups or people that run businesses out of their home to look to grow and locate to a building within the Village. The question was posed – What services are needed, of which the BDC could assist these business owners with that they don't have today (access to meeting spaces, printing services, etc.)? The BDC discussed that this could be an extension of the Chamber of Commerce and there may be an opportunity for the BDC to support it. It was decided for the BDC to take the idea and come back in October to discuss it further.

Adjourn

- Trustee Kelly moved to make a motion to adjourn at 7:20 pm.
 - Second by Commissioner Kopacz
 - Motion carried by voice vote:
 - Ayes: Kopacz, Swalwell, Trzaska, Pizzolato and Kelly
 - Nays: None
 - Absent: Lamp & Krajecki