



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 Trustee Ryan Krajecki in person and through a MS Teams video chat on December 9th, 2020

Call to order at 6:39 pm

Virtual: Commissioners Bill Swalwell, David Pizzolato, Susie Kopacz, Karen Trzaska, Ian Lamp, Elaine Thomas, Trustee Ryan Krajecki and Village Administrator Hedges.

In-person: Assistant to the Village Administrator Wray

Public Comments:

- None

Meeting Minutes Approval From 11/18/20:

- Commissioner Lamp moved to make a motion to approve with noted changes to the 11/18/20 meeting minutes.
 - Second by Commissioner Trzaska
 - Motion carried by voice vote:
 - Ayes: Swalwell, Pizzolato, Trzaska, Kopacz, Thomas, Lamp and Krajecki
 - Nays: None

Supporting Local Businesses Through COVID

- Trustee Krajecki discussed that with the rises in COVID-19 cases up, the Village Board would like the BDC's thoughts in assisting local businesses.
- To date, the Village has purchase \$5,000 worth of local gift cards to local businesses, provide a program to allow 50% reimbursement on the installation of walk-up windows (up to \$3k match) and bringing mobile test sites to the Village
- Bars & restaurants business is being hurt by competition from neighboring communities due to their laxer policies
- The BDC brainstormed the following ideas, of which Village Administrator Hedges will bring to the Chamber of Commerce:
 - Restaurants banding together by offering a delivery service to neighboring communities; potential for the Village to subsidize the delivery
 - Business offering lunch specials to businesses in the area
 - Bars to offer a to-go drink pack; can be combines with a social media contest with voting.

Property Code Enforcement Update

- Out of courtesy and before each are cited, Village Administrator Hedges reached out to the property owners of both the former dollar store and former Palazzolo's to provide them insight that they will be cited for the current status of their facades.
- He has spoken with both owners and each have confirmed that they will or have plans underway to fix their facades. The situation will be monitored and followed up if a lack of progress occurs.

Hampshire's Very Own

- The current schedule of Hampshire's Very Own articles will be as follows:
 1. Vintage Hammer (December)
 2. Stanley Machine and Tool (January)
 3. Hampshire Animal Hospital (February)
 4. Ross' Gaspump Garage (March)
 5. Roy's Place (April)
 6. Mama Toom (May)
 7. Jimmy's Sports Bar (June)

New or Existing Business Update

- None

Other Updates

- Trustee Krajecki shared with the group that he will not be running for re-election as a trustee within the Village. The BDC wishes him the best of luck.
- The streetscape project for downtown Hampshire has been awarded from the State of Illinois. The Village must complete an environmental review before work can begin.
- Commissioner Lamp moved to make a motion to adjourn at 7:52 pm.
 - Second by Commissioner Kopacz
 - Motion carried by voice vote:
 - Ayes: Swalwell, Pizzolato, Trzaska, Kopacz, Thomas, Lamp and Krajecki
 - Nays: None