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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 March 8, 2023.

1. Call to order at 6:35 pm

In-person: Commissioners Liz Martin, Meagan Rago, Ryan Krajecki, David Pizzolato, Trustee Aaron Kelly and Assistant to the Village Manager Josh Wray.

Absent: Commissioners Karen Trzaska and Bill Swalwell

Roll call confirmed - (quorum established)

2. Public Comments:

- None

3. Meeting Minutes Approval From 1/11/23:

- Commissioner Pizzolato moved to make a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 1/11/23.
  - Second by Commissioner Martin
  - Motion carried by voice vote:
    - Ayes: Kelly, Rago, Martin, Krajecki and Pizzolato
    - Nays: None
    - Absent: Trzaska, Swalwell

4. Beautification Committee Report

- Commissioner Krajecki discussed the Committee has reviewed the way finding signs and a final meeting is being planned to formulate a recommendation (signage type, locations, etc.). Once complete, it will be presented to the BDC.

5. Develop a long-term strategy for Economic Development in the Village

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- The Commission reviewed the top 8 strategies and assigned recommended departments to be assigned with each strategy, along with key stakeholders who would serve as an advisor.
- Trustee Kelly and Commissioner Krajecki will develop and present an overview of the approach and recommendation to the Village Board on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### 6. Ryan's Retirement

- Commissioner Krajecki announced that after serving on both the Village Board and Chairman of the BDC, he will be stepping down in May. That will leave a vacancy in both the commissioner role and for chairperson of the BDC. He offered to stay on for a short while once a chairperson has been named to take the keep the transition smooth. The Commission appreciates all the leadership he has provided over the years and wishes him the best in his future endeavors.

#### 7. Hampshire's Very Own

- The current schedule of Hampshire's Very Own articles will be as follows:
  - RK Services
  - Krueger Accounting
  - Iron Wok
  - Hampshire Social
  - Garden Berry
  - Alfano's

#### 8. Update on New or Existing Business Update

- The request for zoning two parcels at the former Shireland property has been withdrawn from the developer and is posted on the Village website.
- One half of the former dollar store building on State St. has been purchased. One half will be bringing and bar/gaming center to Hampshire, as the other half will be available to lease.
- The planned strip mall on Rt. 72, east of State St. is waiting on one approval from IDOT before construction begins.
- Midwest Companies continues construction on one of two buildings on Brier Hill Rd.
- Interest in development around the truck stop continues.

#### 9. New Business

- Trustee Kelly brought to the attention of the BDC that during the preliminary budget talks, there were projects in the budget that the Village is looking to finance. He mentioned that if the financing proposal is turned down, that he suggested to the Budget Committee to look at projects such as the Façade Improvement Program as a discretionary item that could be repurposed for such projects. The BDC was unanimous that any cuts to the Façade Improvement Program would be detrimental to the ongoing work of the BDC and urged him to represent the BDC in working to keep it in the budget during budget approval.

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## 10. Adjourn

- Trustee Kelly moved to make a motion to adjourn at 8:43 pm.
  - Second by Commissioner Rago
  - Motion carried by voice vote:
    - Ayes: Krajecki, Kelly, Rago, Martin and Pizzolato
    - Nays: None
    - Absent: Trzaska and Swalwell

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