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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 January 11th, 2023.

1. Call to order at 6:34 pm

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

Virtual: Commissioners Bill Swalwell and Liz Martin

Absent: Commissioner Karen Trzaska

Roll call confirmed - (quorum established)

2. Public Comments:

- None

3. Meeting Minutes Approval From 12/14/22:

- Commissioner Pizzolato moved to make a motion to approve the 12/14/22 meeting minutes
  - Second by Commissioner Rago
  - Motion carried by voice vote:
    - Ayes: Swalwell, Krajecki, Kelly, Rago, Martin and Pizzolato
    - Nays: None
    - Absent: Trzaska

4. Presentation and conversation regarding two startups from Hampshire

- Two separate residents came to the BDC for insight into potential businesses they are looking to open up within the Village. One business included a martial arts studio and the other was a learning/tumbling studio for children with special

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needs. The BDC enjoyed the conversation and wish each luck in their endeavors.

## 5. Beautification Committee Report

- Commissioner Swalwell presented the following Façade Program updates:
  - All projects are complete with one active project remaining
  - Garden Berry - Half of the work is done, with the remaining work to be done in the Spring when the weather is conducive to the masonry work. Both Commissioner Swalwell and Village Administrator Hedges made it clear to the building owner that they would like to see different signage implemented when the rest of the work is done.
- Commissioner Swalwell discussed the Committee has reviewed the way finding signs and has been in touch with a company for styles. A final meeting is being planned, and once a recommendation has been put together (signage type, locations, etc.), it will be presented to the BDC.

## 6. Review the Economic Survey Results

- Commissioner Pizzolato presented the results of the survey ranking for the Economic Development strategy.

## 7. Develop a long-term strategy for the Business Development Commission

- The Commission will review and assign departments that aligns with each strategy in an effort to develop a presentation for the Village Board. The goal will be to align to the BDC's proposal and then an action plan for the BDC elements will be created.

## 8. Discussion on what direction we are heading after the Economic Development Strategy

- This section was accidentally added and omitted from the meeting.

## 9. Hampshire's Very Own

- The current schedule of Hampshire's Very Own articles will be as follows:
  - Beautification Committee
  - RK Services
  - Krueger Accounting
  - Iron Wok

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- Hampshire Social
- Garden Berry
- Alfano's
- The Body Shop
- The BDC would like to thank Jeanie Mayer for all the great work she continues to do with these articles.

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

- There are two parcels that are looking to be zoned so they are included the Village in order to attract additional businesses near the truck stop
- The library was voted to move to the parcel at the Southwest corner of Romke Rd. and Rt. 72. The library board held an open meeting on 1/10/23 and voted 1-6 against the proposed move to the location.
- Midwest Companies has poured their foundation for one of two buildings on Brier Hill Rd as their building continues.
- The Hampshire Social and Alfano's are officially open and the BDC wishes them the best.

#### 11. Adjourn

- Commissioner Pizzolato moved to make a motion to adjourn at 8:31 pm.
  - Second by Commissioner Rago
  - Motion carried by voice vote:
    - Ayes: Swalwell, Krajecki, Kelly, Rago, Martin and Pizzolato
    - Nays: None
    - Absent: Trzaska

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