

VILLAGE OF HAMPSHIRE

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes - June 21, 2017

The regular meeting of the Business Development Commission of Hampshire was Called to order by Village Trustee Ryan Krajecki at 6:09pm in the Village of Hampshire, village board room 234 S. State St. on June 21st, 2017

Present: Commissioners David Pizzolato, Michael Gazzola, Raul Johnston and Eileen Fleury

Absent: Art Zwemke

Others Present: Village President Jeffrey Magnussen and trustees Ryan Krajecki

Public Comments: None

-Meeting minutes from April 12, 2017 motion to approve: David Pizzolato, Second by Michael Gazzola

-Meeting minutes from May 17, 2017 motion to approve: Michael Gazzola, second by David Pizzolato.

Raul Johnston shared documents that Elgin uses when new businesses want to come into Elgin so we can use as reference to use for Hampshire's BDC (to be further abbreviated in these minutes as HBDC). We would be able to use Elgin's resources to help HBDC create documents to help show what Hampshire can offer a new business.

List of items we need to cover in packets for new businesses:

-Create a Why Hampshire statement.

-Available land available- separate by those that are serviced by electric and sewer, etc vs. available land

-Beneficial to have a land map or video presentation marketing Hampshire and the benefits of starting a business in Hampshire. Mike will look into the cost of a video presentation that Hampshire can use to showcase in a presentation to interested businesses.

-Facility Planning Area Maps should be included

-Possibilities of joining Co-Star to help showcase Hampshire's available land for development

-Comprehensive Plan

-Offer services to help entrepreneurs start businesses in Hampshire. Downtown is prime location with smaller spaces available.

-licensing info, zoning info

-tax information, utility rates, permit costs, life safety systems, code updates

-incentive programs available for starting a new business-vague description

-financing opportunities through the village

-local organizations

-Direct Contact-President Jeff Magnussen explained that any phone calls, emails or inquiries into new business opportunities will be directed to Mike Reid to pass on to the appropriate department or the HBDC

-decision made to have all above information on a separate web page with all available documents in PDF form

Discussion of 6th Commissioner:

Ryan Krajecki asked for recommendations for appointing a 6th commissioner. Mike Armato was mentioned and it was a unanimous vote for Mike Armato.

Dave Pizzolato discussed Smart Growth Program-

The benefits of the Smart Growth Program is a good fit for the HBDC. All were in agreement.

Dave Pizzolato will email modified mission statement to the commissioner

Eileen Fleury made a motion to table New Developer discussion and Focus Group Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

-Eileen Fleury brought an idea to the group for a Summit type of meeting inviting all the community organizations together to meet. Eileen will create a plan for organization of that meeting

Eileen Fleury made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46, with Dave Pizzolato to second the motion.