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Business Development Commission
Meeting Minutes
Hampshire Village Hall
234 S State St, Hampshire, IL 60140

The regular meeting of the Business Development Commission of Hampshire was called to order by Commissioner Martin in person on June 14, 2023.

1. Call to order at 6:38 pm

In-person: Commissioners Liz Martin, Meagan Rago, Bill Swalwell, David Pizzolato, Karen Trzaska, Trustee Aaron Kelly and Village Manager Jay Hedges.

Absent: Jill Van Reit

Roll call confirmed - (quorum established)

2. Public Comments:

- None

3. Meeting Minutes Approval From 5/17/23:

- Commissioner Trzaska moved to make a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 5/17/23.
 - Second by Commissioner Pizzolato
 - Motion carried by voice vote:
 - Ayes: Rago, Trzaska, Kelly, Martin, Swalwell and Pizzolato
 - Nays: None
 - Absent: Van Reit

4. Welcome Jill Van Riet as Business Development New Commissioner

- Commissioner Martin presented Commissioner Van Reit as the new Commissioner of BDC, appointed by the Village Board. The BDC welcomes Commissioner Martin and are excited to work with her moving forward.

5. Beautification Committee Report

- Commissioner Swalwell discussed that the final work to the Garden Berry project is near completion as construction has shifted to the south side of the building.

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- There have been little inquiries for the Façade Program thus far for the year and Trustee Kelly suggested that the BDC may want to be proactive with outreach. In addition, banks in town have special financing for the Façade Program.
- In addition, Bill has been in touch with the way-finding signage vendor and is ready to present it to the BDC.

6. Façade Program

- The Commission discussed the long-term vision of the Façade program and ideas which could be incorporated in the future, such as extending the district, having deadlines for submission and even the potential of having it evolve into a broader fund that façade improvements could be a part of. Commissioner Swalwell will discuss ideas with the Beautification Committee and bring back their ideas for discussion.

7. Discussion of Future Projects for the BDC

- The Commission discussed ideas which included main street certification program, collective of associations/stakeholders across the village, land banking, green space areas, artistic murals and new business grants.

8. Discussion for vacant commercial property ordinance BDC

- The Commission discussed a topic that has been gaining traction with communities, which involves taxing vacant commercial property. The BDC discussed the pros and cons of such an ordinance and more research must be explored before tabling it before the Village Board.

9. Hampshire's Very Own - Current Order of Articles

List of companies:

1. Krueger Accounting
2. Iron Wok
3. Hampshire Social
4. Garden Berry
5. Alfano's

7. Update on New or Existing Business Update

- In the truck stop district, there is a potential retail/fleet buyer looking to come to the Village.
- The Hampshire Park District is moving to the former Chiropractor's office on State St. with a Yoga studio moving in above.

8. Adjournment

- Commissioner Pizzolato moved to make a motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm.
 - Second by Commissioner Rago

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- Motion carried by voice vote:
 - Ayes: Kelly, Rago, Trzaska, Swalwell, Martin and Pizzolato
 - Nays: None
 - Absent: Van Reit

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