

Economic Development Committee Meeting
Monday, August 12, 2019 at 6:00 pm
Village Hall 405 Main St. Pecatonica, IL

1. **Call to Order** Chairman Marilyn Wilke called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm on Monday, August 12, 2019 at Village Hall.

2. **Roll call** -. Trustees Marilyn Wilke, Paula Hachmeister, Jennifer Johnson, Kathy Doty, and Committee Member Jeff Sterling were present. Committee members Piper Turner, and Margaret Larson were absent.

Others Present: Bob Squires

3. **Additions/Corrections to the Agenda-** None

4. **Approve Minutes for July 8, 2019** – A motion was made by Trustee Hachmeister and seconded by Trustee Johnson to approve the July 8, 2019 minutes. All voted Aye motion approved.

5. **Public Comment:** None.

6. **Review Financial Reports-** Trustee Wilke reviewed the current financial reports. Jeff Sterling had questions in regards to the loan amount and purchase to the property on Pec Road. Discussion on the role of Economic Development Committee with the project for the future. The committee also discussed the grant program status. Discussion

7. **Status of Light Pole Purchase** – Trustee Wilke stated that the order expected to ship on September 9, 2019 and delivery expected by mid-September.

8. **Review Plans for Disposal of Current Lights** – Trustee Wilke stated that the lights are to be sold for \$200.00 a piece in “as is condition” they are currently being offered on the Village website. Discussion

9. **Status of Procurement and Engraving for Memorial Bricks-** The committee discussed the status of the memorial bricks. They have to check into additional information in regards to the condition of the bricks, the need to find someone to engrave new bricks. Where and when they would allow the public to purchase new memorial bricks. The committee discussed a Memorial wall to display the bricks in a different location. This will be discussed at future meetings.

10. **Status of Funding from Winnebago County for Light Pole Purchase** – Trustee Wilke stated that she had spoken Aaron Booker and he informed her he authorized to offer \$1000. He suggested that she contact Chairman Haney. Marilyn contacted Mr. Haney and he informed her of the steps needed to make a formal request. Marilyn submitted formal request to the board via Email on Friday August 9,

2019. A suggestion made that she follow up with Mr. Haney to confirm request for \$50,000.00. The next County Board meeting is August 22, 2019.

11. **Status of Flag Program-** Marilyn updated the committee on the status of flag order. She has suggested that the committee find a different vendor to supply the flags. Discussion
12. **Discuss ideas for new retail development, or other development-** The committee discussed plans, ideas and suggestions in ways to grow Pecatonica. Residential growth, Business growth what we would like to see in 5 years, 10 years and beyond. The committee discussed the land purchase and ideas to move forward with it. The committee is going to work on the brochures as a marketing tool. Discussion to continue in the future.
13. **Showcase Business of the Month –** Bennett Construction Inc. selected as the Showcase Business of the month.
17. **Adjournment -** A motion made by Trustee Hachmeister and seconded by Trustee Johnson to adjourn at 7:19p.m.