

## **Economic Development Committee Meeting**

**Monday, December 9, 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 6:02 pm on Monday, December 9, 2019 at Village Hall.
  
2. **Roll call** -. Trustees Marilyn Wilke, Paula Hachmeister, Margaret Larson, were present Village President Bill Smull, Trustee Jennifer Johnson, Bob Squires, and Jeff Sterling were present Piper Turner was absent.  
  
Others Present: Bernie Mrugala
  
3. **Additions/Corrections to the Agenda-** None
  
4. **Approve Minutes for November 4, 2019** – A motion made to approve the minutes for November 4, 2019 by Margaret Larson second by Trustee Hachmeister. All members vote aye with the exception of Trustee Johnson abstaining. Motion passes.
  
5. **Public Comment: None**
  
6. **Review Financial Reports- Separation of Economic Development vs. Land Development-** The committee review current financials. Discussed the separation of Economic Development and the Land Development. Discussed the repayment for the in-house loan for the Street Light Project.
  
7. **Donation to Pecatonica Women’s Club-** The committee agreed to make a donation to the women’s club in the amount of \$500.00 for the Christmas walk.
  
8. **Purchase from Forget-me-not for Street Planters-** The committee agreed to pay \$500.00 to forget-me-not for the decorations in the planters for Christmas.
  
9. **Discussion of Christmas Light Options for Next Year-** The warranty does not allow lights to be wrapped around the new light poles, discussion on other options. The committee also discussed the maintenance program on the light poles, discussion on fees related to it. They will look into getting a quote from the company. They also discussed attaching the memorial plaques to the cement base on the poles. Discussion to continue at upcoming meetings.
  
10. **Disposal of Current Light Poles-Update-** Attorney Henry to prepare ordinance for the sale of the old lights being sold to Winnebago County Fair Association at the cost of \$1.00. The fair Association plans to install the lamp post on their property. Discussion

11. **Status of Funding from Winnebago County for Light Pole Purchase-** Marilyn updated the committee on status of the funding from Winnebago County she will be attending meetings on 12/18/19 and 12/19/19. She will provide details at upcoming meeting. Marilyn to invite Aaron Booker and Chris Dornbush to upcoming meetings. Discussion
12. **Discuss ideas for new retail development-** Bob Squires had someone speak to him about opening an acting camp. They also discussed other potential businesses. Discussion
13. **New Business-** Marilyn discussed the brochure with Margaret and they will work together to move forward with this.
14. **Showcase Business of the Month –** The Railway was selected as the Showcase Business of the month.
15. **Adjournment -** A motion made by Trustee Hachmeister and seconded by Margaret Larson to adjourn at 7:16 p.m.