

Economic Development Committee Meeting

Monday, March 9, 2020 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, March 9, 2020 at Village Hall.
2. **Roll call** - Trustees Marilyn Wilke, Paula Hachmeister, Jennifer Johnson, and Village President Bill Smull were present along with Committee members Bob Squires and Jeff Sterling. Piper Turner and Margaret Larson, were absent.

Others Present: Chris Johnson, Ted and Hillary Deppe, Heather Squires and Tanya Wurtzel

3. **Additions/Corrections to the Agenda-** Add #4 approve the December Meeting Minutes to agenda, change #8 to Community Events, add Discuss Funds Remaining from the Sesquicentennial Committee. #14 A. Business License #14 B. Invoice to Winnebago County Fair Association.

A motion to approve the agenda as amended by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Hachmeister. All in Favor motion approved.

4. **Approve Minutes for December 9, 2019** – A motion made to approve the minutes for December 9, 2019 by Bob Squires second by Jeff Sterling. Discussion, Roll Call Smull yes, Johnson yes, Hachmeister yes, Wilke yes. Motion approved

Approve Minutes for January 13, 2020- A motion made to approve the minutes for January 13, 2020 as amended by Trustee Johnson second by Bob Squires. Discussion #4 needs to be removed. Roll Call, Smull abstain, Johnson yes, Hachmeister yes, Wilke yes. Motion approve.

5. **Public Comment:**

Heather Squires and Tanya Wurtzel addressed the committee on behalf of the Pecatonica Women's Club, in regards to the Annual Easter Egg Hunt planned for April 11, 2020. They are looking to expand the event to include petting zoo, and bounce houses along with other additions to the event. They are asking for a donation in the amount of \$500.00. Discussion, The event moved to the High School to allow for additional parking and more space. A motion made by Trustee Hachmeister second by Trustee Johnson to donate available funds up to \$500.00 to the Pecatonica Women's Club for their Easter Egg Hunt. Roll Call Johnson yes, Hachmeister yes, and Wilke yes. Motion approved

6. **Review Financial Reports-** The committee review current financials. Discussion
7. **Review proposed budget for 2020/2021-** The committee reviewed the proposed budget, made recommendation on possible changes, and discussed.
8. **Community Events-** Ted and Hillary Deppe discussed their new committee in place to handle the Memorial Day Parade and their feelings on continuing with a few other events. They also discussed the funds that were to be transferred to them from the Sesquicentennial committee. The 150th

committee had taken a vote to transfer remaining funds with the request that fireworks would continue for this upcoming Memorial Day weekend. At this time that is all on hold. They discussed working with the committee to have a complete community calendar. Discussion A motion was made to move forward to send to the full board to cover the \$500.00 insurance for the Memorial Day Parade by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Hachmeister. Discussion Voice call, all in favor. Motion passes.

- A. Discuss remaining funds from Sesquicentennial committee-** Trustee Johnson gave an update on the funds still in the bank, there is approximately 13,800.00 left over from the 150th celebration fund. That committee had taken a vote to give the money to the Memorial Day committee. However, at this point nothing further has been approved.
9. **Status for Banners on Main Street-** New Banners have been received. Jon Bolen will be hanging banner on Main Street sometime in March. Banners from the 150th Celebration will be delivered to the Businesses that purchased them. Marilyn to work with Nick to get this completed.
10. **Status for flower pots on Main Street- Business involvement-** The flower pots on Main Street were decorated by Forget-Me-Not last year. A motion was made to have Forget-Me-Not do the flowers on Main not to exceed \$500.00 by Trustee Hachmeister second by Trustee Johnson. Discussion Roll Call Johnson yes, Hachmeister yes, Wilke yes. 3-0-0 Motion Passes.
11. **Status of Welcome Baskets-** There is currently enough items to make up 7 bags minus the gift cards for Pecatonica Hardware. Bob Squires to take on the program, collect additional items to continue the program.
12. **Memorial Plaques for Light Poles-** The committee discussed that they would like to have the Memorial Plaques installed on the new light poles by Memorial Day. We will continue to work with Public Works to move forward.
13. **Andrew Chesney Tuesday March 10, 2020 5:30pm Village Hall-** Andrew Chesney will be at Village Hall tomorrow night to have a meet and greet with our Board and the Residents of Pecatonica, everyone is invited to come.
14. **New Business-** Marilyn is continuing to work on possible new businesses. She will update the committee as soon as something is in the works.
- A. Business License-** Marilyn has spoken to the Village of Winnebago on how they track their local business owners. They have forms that must be completed annually to keep current contact and safety information on file at their Village Hall. Discussion
- B. Invoice to Winnebago County Fair Association-** Marilyn has worked with Gwenn and is sending the invoice for \$1.00 for the old Light Poles.
15. **Showcase Business of the Month –** Ipsen was selected as the Showcase Business of the month.
15. **Adjournment -** A motion made by Trustee Johnson and seconded by Trustee Hachmeister to adjourn at 7:46 p.m.

