

**MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
MARCH 17, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission was called to order by Chairperson Tony Langella at 7:00pm in the 2nd Floor Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex. Notice of this meeting was given as required by the annual notice of meetings.

Chairperson Tony Langella led the Commission in the salute to our flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Manny Bermudez, Aileen Wojciechowski, Tony Langella, Jared Valdez, Cncl. Ronald Garbowski.

Absent: Christine Feggans, Jill Simmermon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was no voting of the February 24, 2014 meeting minutes. There was a quorum, but due to the abstain of Aileen Wojciechowski, who was not in attendance of the February meeting, voting could not be made at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Chaiperson Langella asked if anyone had a person to suggest for the open seat that would be able to attend the meetings. Aileen read the suggested areas members should represent: industry of commerce, representative of labor, representative of clearings house and banks, of municipality, chamber of commerce, service club, legal profession, and real estate. Aileen thought an attorney would be good and Jared thought an attorney or member of the chamber of commerce. Cncl. Garbowski agreed that the commission could benefit from an attorney as a member. Tony asked everyone to think of some suggestions.

Tony asked for ideas for businesses that would be interested in doing the spotlight on business. Jared said that he would talk to the new buffet restaurant in Lancaster Plaza.

The smaller 24" x 36" "Welcome to Township of Monroe" signs will be installed in the following locations: Malaga Road by Winslow Township border, Clayton Road by the veteran's cemetery, Fries Mill Road by Scotland Run Golf Club, Coles Mill Road coming from Franklinville, Winslow Road coming from Winslow Township (Route 73). Manny made a motion to approve the sign locations, Jared seconded the motion; all present in favor. Aileen said she would contact the road department about the locations.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS (cont'd)

Tony said that Chuck Earling was in favor of the video project and Cncl. Garbowski said that he talked to George Caruso, the School Board President, and he was also in favor of the video. Mike Spano said that they didn't have all the equipment but could use equipment from the high school and he was also in favor of it. He also said that he wanted to develop a video department in the middle school level.

Jared read a report that Mike Moto sent in from the Planning Board meeting. The meeting lasted 35 minutes and consisted of an application from Joseph M. Smart and a minor subdivision application from Edward F. Coon. Tony said he thought it would be a good idea to attend the Planning and Zoning Board meetings to keep up to date. Cncl. Garbowski suggested getting the Agenda ahead of time and if it there wasn't anything on the agenda to just review the minutes. Manny agreed that reviewing the minutes would be just as beneficial.

Carmine will be coming to the council meeting on March 24th to present the tax card to the Council. Tony said he spoke with a lady in Glassboro and they are ready to launch in Glassboro they just need a sponsor. Tony also talked to the county about the annual mailing of the taxes to see if we could add the card to the annual mailing. He was waiting on further information about the exact weight. Jared asked if he should contact any media about Carmine coming to present the tax card program. Jared is going to send an email to the Commission reminding them about the presentation, which will be at the work session March 24th at 7pm.

Tony brought up an electric program where the township purchases electricity and then supplies the residents. Cncl. Garbowski said they presented to council a month prior and they were denied, due to terms of the agreement.

Tony asked Cncl. Garbowski what happened to the Plain Dealer paper, he said that the company who published it went under. Tony asked the commission what they thought about getting a paper for the town together. Cncl. Garbowksi said that he felt most people went online. Manny said that he went online for his news.

Manny showed the commission an example of the presentation paperwork that he had drawn up for the potential sponsors. They are going to wait to finish it until after the presentation to council about the tax card program

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS (cont'd)

Aileen asked if the old entering Monroe sign on the Black Horse Pike coming from the shore could be removed since our new sign is in close proximity to it. Jared said that we are on a good track and that he would talk to the buffet about the spotlight on business. Manny thought that things are coming together with the signs and the tax card program. Tony asked if the commission was making an impact on the town and Cncl, Garbowski said that yes they are. He also said that they would be approaching Wegman's to see if they would come to Williamstown near 322 and Fries Mill Road.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Tony asked for a motion to adjourn Aileen made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission Meeting of March 17, 2014. The motion was seconded by Jared; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquelyn Allen

The next scheduled Monroe Township Economic Development Commission meeting is Monday, April 28, 2014 at 5:30pm.

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Regular Economic Development Commission Meeting of March 17, 2014 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

Approved as submitted _____ Date _____
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