

**MINUTES  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE  
JUNE 16, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission was called to order by Chairperson Tony Langella at 7:01pm in the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Christine Feggans offered the Invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Manny Bermudez, Tony Langella, Jared Valdez, Christine Feggans, Aileen Chiselko, Natalie Wentz

Absent: Jill Simmermon, Cncl. Ronald Garbowski

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Manny made a motion to approve the minutes, as corrected, of the Economic Development Commission Meeting of May 19, 2014. The motion was seconded by Jared and approved by all members in attendance of the Commission.

**CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS**

Spotlight on Business, Manny said that Cncl. Garbowski spoke to Scoops about doing the next spotlight on 6/23 at 8pm.

Chairman Langella said that he met with Lenny Schwartz and Applebee's was approved to come in to the out parcel off Walmart, also Wendy's may be looking at the corner opposite of Walmart. Manny also mentioned that Advanced Auto Parts was building on the Black Horse Pike.

Tony spoke with Manny from the Rotary Club about the Small Business Summit, he said he will do whatever the Commission needs to help with the Summit. He also told Tony about a large meeting room that is in the new Township Library and it can hold a large number of people. Jared spoke with Leanne Hogan from the Gloucester County Freeholders office, he is going to meet with her and a chairman of the County Chamber of Commerce, about a date for the Summit.

Tony said he met with Sharon McTaggart, the manager from TD bank, she is going to join the Rotary Club. She passed the information for the tax card program to the TD marketing department and said to give it time to see if they could help with the sponsorship. Tony would like to talk to Investors Bank if TD is not able to sponsor.

The Tax Card Program is waiting on a sponsor, before it can be launched. Tony suggested that if there was support that a billboard that had space for the tax card program advertisement and room for town events that it would be nice. Manny also agreed that it would be aesthetically pleasing.

**CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS** (cont'd)

Tony called Superintendent Chuck Earling about the video project, he said he would talk to Mike Spano. Tony hadn't heard back from him and said he would follow up with Chuck. Manny suggested having the Tax Card Program sponsor on the video. Jared said that it might be better to not include it, since the video will be on the Internet for a decade and if anything happens with the Tax Card the video will still have that on it.

Jared sent an intern request form to Cncl. Garbowski. Natalie is going to contact Chuck Fiore about the intern for the Commission.

Manny asked if there was a presentation folder available that we can put all the papers in when they are presented to a potential sponsor. Tony called Brent Uheler, of FinCredit, and he is going to get the Commission some folders.

Jared mentioned that the sign by the expressway needs the grass cut around it.

Tony asked the members where they would like to be in a year's time. Aileen said that coming in to Williamstown from Washington Township, there are a lot of vacant lots. That it would be nice to have businesses there to follow the Welcome signs. Christine agreed that it does not look good for the town to have that many vacant lots at the start of the town. Manny thinks that once the new businesses come by Walmart it will start to trickle down the Black Horse Pike.

Tony would like to invite the mayoral candidates to the upcoming meetings.

Christine thinks that businesses on the Black Horse Pike need to light up their businesses more, to draw more attention to themselves.

Natalie said that she has lived here on and off her entire life and the town has not changed much in all that time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Tony asked for a motion to adjourn Jared made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission Meeting of June 16, 2014. The motion was seconded by Aileen; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquelyn Allen

The next scheduled Monroe Township Economic Development Commission meeting is Monday, July 21, 2014 at 7:00pm.

***These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Regular Economic Development Commission Meeting of June 16, 2014 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.***

Approved as submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved as corrected \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_