

**MINUTES**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**TOWNSHIP OF MONROE**  
**January 22, 2013**

The Re-organization Meeting of the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission was called to order by Secretary Susan Iannucci at 7:06 p.m. in the Joe Pace Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex. Notice of this meeting was given as required by the annual notice of meetings.

Secretary Susan Iannucci led the Commission in the salute to our flag.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Christine Feggans/ **CF**, Victor Peters/ **VP**, Anthony (Tony) Langella/**TL**, Jared Valdez/**JV**, Aileen Wojciechowski/**AW**, Elaine Moore-Wright/**EMW**, Cncl. Bill Sebastian/**Cncl. S**  
Guest: Charlene Garlic/**CG**

**New Members**

Cncl. Bill Sebastian (council liaison) and Elaine Moore Wright (membership until 2018)

**Nominations for Chair-Vice Chair and Secretary**

Tony Langella was nominated by Jared Valdez and second by Aileen Wojciechowski and Vic Peters for the Chair position. All were in favor. Jared Valdez was nominated by Aileen Wojciechowski and second by Christine Feggans for Vice Chair. All were in favor. Susan Iannucci was nominated by Aileen Wojciechowski and second by Vic Peters for secretary position. All were in favor.

**Representation on the EDC board**

what members of the ECD bring to the table...

CF- Business Association and Marketing

VP-New Field Bank

EMW-Project Management

JV-Website

TL-Business owner

AW-represents the township

Cncl S- new Council Leader help execute the ideas of the Commission/put his name on correspondence for the EDC and get out to the people

**Report on Welcome Signs:**

VP and TL brought up the time line for the signs. Cncl S would like to talk to Chris regarding the additional charges for the foundation work. Cncl S will report back to the EDC at the next meeting. Issues with the design of the signs were discussed and the NJ DOT specifications for the signs. Cncl S will find out more regarding approvals (zoning) for the signs. (private property verses NJ DOT right away)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**December 2012**

TL- asked if all present had the opportunity to review the December 2012 meeting minutes. *Jared Valdez made a motion to accept the minutes. Christine Feggans second the motion.* The minutes were approved as corrected (corrections: PO for the "2 welcome signs" from 2011 is being transferred to 2013 budget / funds used for the signs "foundation" was coming out of the 2012 budget / 2 Gloucester County signs became Monroe Twp. Welcome signs from the 2013 budget / Roundtable-Spotlight / Clarify the

passwords for the email and Facebook ) by the rest of the Commission members. SI will email the minutes for December with the changes to the EDC members.

### **CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS**

Development plans were discussed for the future of Williamstown. EMW asked if Main St. would be targeted for redevelopment. Cncl S let the group know that at this time surrounding areas (Black Horse Pike) are being looked at for new development in Williamstown.

Tax Abatements were brought up as incentives to property owners to encourage development on Main Street. Discussion - pros and cons for tax abatements took place and will continue to take place at later meetings.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Meeting schedule for the year was given to all members. Contact information was given to the EDC members. Public meetings act motion was made by Aileen Wojciechowski to accept and second by Jared Valdez and was unanimously accepted by all EDC members. A packet should be made up for new businesses to have an understanding of the proper paperwork that needs to be submitted. AW asked why mercantile licenses are not used. It would help to keep track of businesses in the area. Mercantile licenses would fall under Zoning. Cncl S will look into the possibility of the use licenses. AW asked if the EDC would like to have Skip Tomarcio at the Feb. meeting. TL asked her to invite him.

### **ROUNDTABLE**

The chairman Tony Langella asked the commission the following question: "what would you like to see the Commission accomplish in the coming months"...

~Tony – will look into cost of name tags and the business cards that Christine suggested and would like to see the signs installed ASAP.

~Christine – would like to see new name tags (engraved) for the EDC members. (More professional name tags and business cards) Beautification Black Horse Pike. What can be done to draw people into Williamstown--Partnership with sports teams in the area to help bring money into Williamstown.

~Jared- will continue to work on the website in the coming months and would like to see the signs installed and the Handbook published.

~Vic– would like to see a family type restaurant like Friendly's come into Williamstown. Signs must happen this year.

~Aileen- would like to see the Welcome Signs installed and the Township Website continue.

~Elaine- decided to hold off with comments until she fully understands what the EDC is about and will have something to add next month.

~Cncl S- Signs need to be installed ASAP and will reach out to future businesses using a standard letter on official township letterhead.

guest: ~Charlene- would like to see a shop Williamstown night. The businesses can have a promotion for that special night.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Tony Langella asked for a motion to adjourn. *Motion to adjourn was made by Vic Peters. The motion was seconded by Christine Feggans; everyone was in favor.* Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan H. Iannucci, Secretary

**NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled Monroe Township Economic Development Commission meeting is Monday, February 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

**These minutes were prepared from notes and recordings taken during the proceedings of the Regular Economic Development Commission Meeting of January 22, 2013.**

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

Approved as corrected *S. Iannucci* Date 2-11-13