

**MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
MAY 20, 2013**

The Regular Meeting of the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission was called to order by Chairperson Tony Langella at 7:08pm 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. Christine Feggans offered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present: Christine Feggans, Tony Langella, Jill Simmermon, Jared Valdez, Aileen Wojciechowski, Cncl. William Sebastian

Absent: Elaine Moore-Wright

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jared Valdez made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Economic Development Commission Meeting of April 15, 2013. The motion was seconded by Christine Feggans and approved by all members of the Commission in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Chairperson Tony Langella told about his meeting with Jason Painter, owner of Astro Signs, and Jared Valdez, Assistant Chairperson, at the pending sites for two sandblasted Welcome Signs. Sicklerville Road was the first site visited, it was suggested that the sign be placed in an ideal location that is clear of trees and receives maintenance for optimal viewing. Cncl. Sebastian said that Adams, Rehmann and Heggan suggested a spot closer to the County sign. He also informed that the township will maintain the property around the sign. Aileen Wojciechowski showed the color print of the official township seal done by Astro Signs that will be on the Welcome Signs. Cncl. Sebastian said that he could have Dave Cella ARH visit the site with Jason to get an exact location for the sign. The second location discussed was Main St. and Tuckahoe Road by the Veteran's Memorial going into Main St. ARH has already marked an exact location at this site. Jared made a motion to purchase the 2 8- foot metal scotch lite signs that will be located on the Black Horse Pike at the North and South ends near the township line for \$6220.00; Christine Feggans seconded the motion and all in favor, no opposition. Cncl. Sebastian explained the reason for the cost increase of the signs was to meet the DOT requirements for signs in the County right away. The signs can be put in when finished as all the permits have been applied for. Jared made a motion to have the sandblasted signs put up as soon as possible; Tony seconded and all in favor, no opposition. Goal for the 8-foot metal signs is to have them up before the end of the summer.

New Business and Commercial Building Applicants Help Guide was clarified to make it more easily understood. Discussion was had about tax abatement and how it works to help businesses come in to the township. Both forms will be put on the township website.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS (cont'd)

Music Fest is at Owens Park on June 1, 2013, EDC will have 3 tables. Aileen suggested putting out the New Business Application, flyer about Spotlight on local businesses, and email signup sheet for Spotlight on Local Businesses.

Tony and Jared will be at the table from 5-10pm and Jill Simmermon and Aileen will come later and help at the table. EDC will have a table and requested that their table be put next to the Business Association table and the Rotary Club table

Tony and Jared would like to attend a seminar with IEDC (International Economic Development Council. Jared made a motion for Tony and himself to attend; Tony seconded the motion and all in favor, no opposition. Jared made a motion for Tony to buy a membership to IEDC for \$95 of which he will be reimbursed fully; Christine seconded and all in favor, no opposition.

Jared brought information about a property tax reward card program. By supporting local businesses residents will have money paid towards their taxes by the businesses. A bank would need sponsor the program to put out funds for the cost of the cards. Chairperson Tony Langella asked him to do some more research on specifics and to have a representative from the program to come to a meeting. Also, Jill Simmermon was to contact local banks and ask them about sponsoring the program and potentially come to a meeting for the open Banker position. Chairperson Tony Langella was also contacting Fulton bank.

Ribbon Cutting for new businesses was discussed. The Commission feels that it is important to have someone from the township attend the event and to notify the media. The Mayor would be invited to cut the ribbon and if he's not available, Council President Dan Teefy could be asked, and in the event of an emergency EDC Chairperson Tony Langella (or Cncl. Sebastian) could cut the ribbon.

Tony spoke about having a Fed Ex box put in the township somewhere for convenience of the Monroe Township residents.

Cncl. Sebastian talked about Applebee's and said they are still looking for a site to build on.

Cncl. Sebastian spoke in reference to the old Jamesway building, which is now the property of the owner of Shorty's Auto Parts. They will be meeting to discuss the architectural details of the redevelopment zone. He showed the Commission a picture from the architect showing what their plans are for the face of the building.

Tony brought up the open position of Secretary to Jacquelyn Allen who came to sit in on the meeting, she said she would notify Aileen with her decision.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Tony Langella asked for a motion to adjourn. Jared Valdez made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission Meeting of May 20, 2013. The motion was seconded by Christine Feggans; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Economic Development Commission Minutes (cont'd)

May 20, 2013

The next scheduled Monroe Township Economic Development Commission meeting is Monday, June 17, 2013 at 7:00pm.

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Regular Economic Development Commission Meeting of May 20, 2013 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

Approved as submitted _____ Date _____
Approved as corrected _____ Date _____