

**MINUTES  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE  
AUGUST 19, 2013**

The Regular Meeting of the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission was called to order by Chairperson Tony Langella at 7:03pm 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: Tony Langella, Christine Feggans, Jill Simmermon, Jared Valdez, Cncl. William Sebastian  
Absent: Aileen Wojciechowski, Elaine Moore-Wright

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS**

Cncl. Sebastian brought examples of district maps that he had picked up from Aileen Wojciechowski, since she was unable to attend the meeting. They have business ads around the perimeter of the map and then business locations marked on the map. Jill Simmermon asked if a physical map was something that people would still have an interest in and questioned how they would be dispursed. Cncl. Sebastian and Tony Langella said they still use physical maps along with a GPS. Manny Bermudez mentioned versions of the maps that had more of a cartoon feel to depict businesses. Jared Valdez is going to bring in an example to September's meeting to compare.

Cncl. Sebastian also provided all members with a copy of the 2013 budget. He explained how an encumberment works. If an invoice is received for the cost of the sign(s) in 2013, the monies encumbered this year in the 2013 budget will stay until next year and get paid from the 2013 budget. Since there are still signs that need to be purchased but not enough funds to make the entire purchase, the funds can be encumbered and used with funds from next year to pay for the new signs.

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

Cncl. Sebastian also reported that he is still waiting on a report from Kevin about the tax card program. Kevin wants to speak with municipalities that are currently using the card program.

Cncl. Sebastian said that Applebee's has still not found a location to suit their needs.

Manny came to the meeting to possibly take an open seat. He told us that he manages the Fulton Bank in Monroe, he has been at that location for 2 years, before that he was at the branch in Winslow for 3 years and has been in banking for 9 years. Tony asked if the banks are lending money for new businesses, Manny confirmed that they are lending money to businesses there are just not as many exceptions as there were previously. Jared asked why he wanted to join the commission and Manny said that he would like to be part of something that is going to do the town good.

Tony asked if everyone was satisfied with the locations of the signs and if there are any other locations that could use a sign. Jill suggested that a sign be put in coming into Monroe from Franklinville on Tuckahoe Road. Manny suggested signs that would direct people to either businesses or historical sites. Tony is going to talk to Jason about pricing for another sign.

Jared explained the tax card program to Manny, he got the contact information to contact Fincredit. He asked how Fincredit received the funds from the businesses. He was going to check to see if there was a way that the bank could run the same program.

Everyone was asked to bring in contact information for 3 businesses that they would like in town. Cncl. Sebastian said that he would like to see a seafood restaurant, a Mexican restaurant and a Chuck E. Cheese. Jared suggested Red Lobster, Dave and Busters and Speedway, which is an indoor go cart facility. Christine suggested a medical products store, Michael's, Disney store, Nike, Sony entertainment, furniture store, Nintendo(arcade), Red Baron, hoover round scooter. Tony suggested an urgent care and something for the kids, there aren't enough facilities for the kids in the town. Manny was asked for suggestions and said restaurants.

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

Tony reviewed the tax abatement and PILOT program information that Cncl. Sebastian left for the Commission.

Spotlight on business, do not have a business to do September. Manny was going to look into it and see if Fulton Bank could do the spotlight in September.

Christine explained how the Business Association is growing and once they have a certain amount of businesses then they can look into becoming a chamber of commerce.

**ROUNDTABLE**

Christine said that we need to keep working on the projects we have started, she thinks we have a good team to get things accomplished.

Manny expressed that he would like to join the Commission.

Jill stated that deadlines need to be put in place so that things get done. We need to focus on one thing that we can accomplish by the next meeting.

Tony would like to make the tax card a priority.

**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 August 19, 2013. The motion was seconded by Christine; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquelyn Allen

The next scheduled Monroe Township Economic Development Commission meeting is Monday, September 16, 2013 at 7:00pm.

*These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Regular Economic Development Commission Meeting of August 19, 2013 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.*

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