

MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
July 21, 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. Christine Feggans offered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present: Tony Langella, Jared Valdez, Christine Feggans, Aileen Chiselko, Jill Simmermon

Absent: Manny Bermudez, Natalie Wentz, Cncl. Ronald Garbowski

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Manny made a motion to approve the minutes, as corrected, of the Economic Development Commission Meeting of June 16, 2014. The motion was seconded by Jared and approved by all members in attendance of the Commission.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Chairperson Tony Langella told the commission that Taylor's is going to reopen as Craffhouse and mentioned them for Spotlight on Business. Aileen Chiselko suggested NY Deli and produce and Jill Simmerman suggested Towne Dairy who may also be interested. Aileen was going to contact both to see if they were interested.

Tony asked if the commission would be okay with waiting on the Tax card until the new cards were being used. FinCredit would be updating to different due to the original type not working properly. Tony wants to wait for an answer from TD about the sponsorship for the tax card program. However, if they are not able to participate he would like to see if Investors Bank would be interested.

Tony brought up a program that Glassboro is doing where Glassboro is partnering with a third party company to bring residents discounted electricity. He wanted to know if Monroe Township would consider it. Aileen said that it was proposed to the township and they did not want it, she knew there was a reason but was unsure what the reason was. Jill said that she is skeptical, because they save you money in the beginning but then the rates increase.

Tony spoke with Superintendent Chuck Earling and if we needed students to help stuff the tax card envelopes he can set something up.

Tony wants to ask the Mayoral candidates to come to a meeting. Jill would like to ask them use a portion of their billboard to promote the tax card program.

The video project is put on hold until school resumes in September.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS (cont'd)

The meeting for the business seminar that was scheduled with the County Freeholders office and the Chamber of Commerce was cancelled and not rescheduled yet.

Aileen informed the commission that Scoop it Up did not attend the Spotlight on Business, Christine added that they did not attend the Rotary Club meeting also.

Aileen brought up an email that she received from Freeholder Heather Simmons about a small business revolving loan program beginning July 1, 2014. The Gloucester County Department of Economic Development partnered with Cooperative Business Assistance Cooperation to make this program available to small businesses to help them succeed.

The budget has been approved and the commission received a budget of \$10,000 for 2014. Jill would like to wait to see what the expenses will be from promoting the tax card program before deciding what the monies should be spent on. Aileen suggested going to a meeting in Glassboro to see how they handled the details of launching their Tax card program.

There was a malfunction with the tape
Jared made a motion to cancel the Economic Development Commission meeting scheduled for August 18th at 7pm. The motion was seconded by Christine and approved by all members in attendance of the Commission.

Aileen noticed that the Gloucester County sign by the expressway was reinstalled after being knocked down from an accident. Jared said that Scott Kipsing is the vice-president of commercial lending at Investors Bank. Christine would like to see marketing done, especially for the Tax Card. Tony said that Voorhees shares the billboard for their Tax Card Program with other events happening in the town and that may be an option for Monroe. Jill said that she would send an email out once she heard from either of the Mayoral Candidate.

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 July 21, 2014. The motion was seconded by Aileen; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquelyn Allen

The next scheduled Monroe Township Economic Development Commission meeting is Monday, September 15, 2014 at 7:00pm.

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Regular Economic Development Commission Meeting of July 21, 2014 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

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

