



Township of Monroe

Minutes

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

February 21, 2023 7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER: (BY CHAIRPERSON)

This meeting was advertised pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 thru 10:4-21). Notices were placed in the official publications for Monroe Township (i.e.: Courier Post and The Sentinel of Gloucester County). A copy of that notice is posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: (BY SECRETARY)

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ROLL CALL: (BY SECRETARY)

<i>Councilwomen - Denise Adams (Present)</i>	<i>Chairperson - Anthony Iovino (Present)</i>
<i>Vice Chairperson - Lynda Kerr (Present)</i>	<i>Michelle Schwaiger (Present)</i>
<i>Christine Feggans (Present).</i>	<i>Dominick Colavita (Absent)</i>
<i>Bruce Rice (Absent)</i>	<i>Al Rossi (Present)</i>

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - PRIOR MEETING:

There are No Minutes to approve by the board since this is the first meeting where all the members are either in attendance or sworn in to be a member of the EDC. In all future meetings, minutes from the previous meeting will be provided to be approved by the board.

AGENDA MINUTES:

- Meeting Started off with the approval of the meeting schedule for the 2023. All Approved.
- Reviewed the Mayors agenda of what the role of the EDC is. It is agreeable the role is to help attract businesses to Williamstown while retaining relationships of those businesses already apart of the community.
- EDC board agreed that every member will approach businesses already in town and ask how we can assist their business and what they would like to see Monroe do to attract additional businesses to town to help the town overall.



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- Members of the board suggested a day of the month we close Main Street down for a designated event. Example, restaurant week or first Friday with bands, vendors, food trucks, etc. This would help attract the town to spend time in town and support the current or future businesses of Main Street.
- Commercial Vacant Properties. If the EDC and Monroe Twp wants to attract business and residents to town, that the town has to go through a clean up phase of vacant and distressed properties. Suggestions of a "Vacant Property Tax" be imposed. Suggestions made for the EDC to reach out to those property owners and get their intentions of the properties and how we can assist them with those intentions. The board will produce a list of properties to start reviewing for future meetings.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC:

- No one from the public attended this months meeting.

ADJOURN MEETING:

- The meeting was adjourned with no objections.

These minutes were prepared from the Economic Development Commission Meeting on February 21, 2023 and serve as only as a synopsis of those proceedings.

Approved and submitted by

Date 3-20-23