

Lanesboro Economic Development Authority (EDA)

Regular Meeting – September 6, 2017

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Edwards at 5:30 PM

Members Present: Michael Brown, Phil Dybing, Elaine Edwards, David Gray,

Members Absent: Jason Resseman, Tom Smith

Ex Officio: Administrator/Treasurer Peterson

Guests Present: Marti Gray, Stephanie Hatzenbihler, Richard Wolfgram

Motion to Approve the Agenda:

Members asked to add discussion of a small homes inquiry, telecommuting and attendance/membership. Motion to approve the revised agenda by Mr. Gray. Second by Mr. Brown. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of August 2, 2017:

Motion to approve by Mr. Gray. Second by Ms. Edwards. Motion Carried.

1. Updates

1.1. **School Update**

None

1.2. **Treasurer's Report**

Ms. Peterson provided the bank report. The current operational balance is \$5,562.14.

1.3. **City Council (by Ms. Peterson)**

The park road improvement is proceeding. Planning and zoning is looking at updates to the ordinance and researching the cost for outside assistance.

No HPC update

1.4. Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Gray provided the update.

- Membership drive is continuing
- Chamber is trying to establish visitor counts and demographics
- Coupon book has been printed
- Light pole decorating contest needs participants.

1.5. Lanesboro Business Promotions

No Update

1.6. Fillmore County EDA

Ms. Hatzenbihler introduced herself as the new Fillmore County EDA Director. She is pursuing an outreach program to attend all the Fillmore County meetings of cities and townships to present the Fillmore County EDA as a resource. Ms. Hatzenbihler reviewed the schedule for the Lanesboro Rural broadband grant and build out by Acentek.

2. Old Business

2.1. Open EDA Positions

One open position remains. City Council has not provided a status on efforts to fill this position. The City Council approved a leave of absence for Mr. Resseman through year end 2017. The city attorney is to advise on the impact to the number required for a quorum.

2.2. Feasibility Study

Mr. Wolfgram presented a concept for the reuse of the Methodist Church for Senior/Assisted living. The concept has acceptance from the church. Mr. Wolfgram is meeting with individuals and groups to present the concept. The EDA will assist by continuing its work on a list of potential developers/partners.

2.3. SMIF; REV application

Ms. Edwards provided an update. A joint meeting with Spring Valley and SMIF is planned. Mr. Brown moved to share the Lanesboro application with Spring Valley. Second by Mr. Gray. Motion carried.

3. New Business

None

4. Items from Members

4.1. Small Homes

Through CEDA the Lanesboro EDA was made aware of a developer's interest in SE MN for

building small homes on a tract of 5- 6 acres. Ms. Hatzenbihler was asked to communicate the interest of Lanesboro in being considered.

4.2. Telecommuting

Mr. Gray reviewed his conversation with Acentek regarding the use of their Lanesboro building for telecommuting. It is not expected the building will be available for about a year as they are in the process of deploying a large fiber project.

4.3. Attendance

Mr. Brown expressed his concern about the leave granted Mr. Resseman by city council and the impact on the ability of the EDA to meet a quorum and the impact on the work before the EDA. Mr. Brown offered alternate approaches in response. Mr. Gray moved to ask council to name a replacement for Mr. Resseman. Second by Mr. Dybing. Motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Brown. Second by Mr. Gray. Motion carried. Adjourned at 6:55 PM