

Lanesboro Economic Development Authority
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 6th, 2018, 5:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Present: Elaine Edwards, Michael Brown, Phil Dybing, David Gray, and Tom Smith

Absent: None

Visitors: None

Member Edwards called the Regular Meeting of the Lanesboro Economic Development Authority to order at 5:30 p.m.

- A. **Agenda:** Member Brown motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Member Dybing seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
- B. **Approval of the Minutes:** Member Dybing motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Member Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
- C. **Persons appearing before the EDA; Welcome Guests:** No guests were present.

Regular Business:

A. Updates:

- 1. **School:** No updates were available.
- 2. **Treasurer's Report:** Current fund balance is \$5,713.71. Also Michelle Vrieze with CEDA notified the City that the remaining Small Cities Funds would be used up soon.
- 3. **City/P&Z/HPC/LPU:** Council member Tom Smith reported the Council discussed the following items: City welcome sign on County Road 8, Two hour parking April – Oct, June 19th a Public Hearing for the Wastewater facility will be held, consideration to become a sister city with Lanesborough, MA, hiking trails. Discussion was then had regarding the need for an additional Council member as well as another resident on the EDA.
- 4. **Chamber of Commerce:** No update was available.
- 5. **Downtown Business Alliance:** The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 7th.
- 6. **Fillmore County EDA:** Member Brown reported items discussed include the housing study and the upcoming meeting with Marty Walsh, the award to Preston for a Veteran's home, Acentek work will be complete the end of July for rural residents, Acentek work in Lanesboro will be complete in August and September.

B. Old Business:

- 1. **Feasibility Study: Housing:** Mary Walsh is still working to gather the needed data.
- 2. **SMIF: Rural Entrepreneurial Venture:** Member Edwards reported that 6 interviews had been completed. Edwards had reviewed the recommendations with Marty Walsh. A suggestion was made to have Acentek offer information sessions on the new system, and the possibilities do to it. Lanesboro will host a REV tour in July. Edwards also questioned the need for succession planning classes, and perhaps applying for a grant through SMIF as a future endeavor of the EDA. Discussion was then had regarding the database of information for the interviews, as well as the concern for privacy. It was noted that Member Brown will work with the REV group to further define a sufficient database for Lanesboro businesses.

C. New Business: None

D. Items from Members:

1. **Sons of Norway:** Member Dybing updated that project will be complete July 1st, with just the floor refinishing yet to be completed.
2. **CEDA:** EDA members would like to see consideration for funds budgeted for 2019.
3. **USDA:** Member Brown noted a recent announcement for grant availability to improve the Rural Economy by strengthening cooperative development centers.
4. **July Meeting:** Due to the fact the first Wednesday of July is the 4th of July the regular meeting will need to be moved. Member Gray motioned to hold the regular meeting for July on Wednesday, July 11th. Member Dybing seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Next Meeting: July 11, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjourn: Member Dybing moved to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Brown. Motion carried all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Administrator/Clerk