

Town of Montville
Economic Development Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes -- February 22, 2017
7:00 p.m. – Montville Town Hall - Room 203

The meeting was informational as there was not a quorum present.

1. Call to Order.
Chairman Butzgy began the informational meeting at 7:12 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
All stood and pledged the flag.
3. Roll Call.
Present were Commissioners Walter Hewitt, Christopher Napierski, and Karl Butzgy. Also present was Town Council Liaison Joseph Rogulski. Commissioner Jim Toner was absent from the meeting due to illness.
4. Alterations to the Agenda. None
5. Remarks from the Public regarding items on the Agenda (3-minute limit).
Chairman Butzgy asked three (3) times for remarks. There were none.
6. To Consider and Act on a Motion to approve: -- **No action taken**
 - a. The Regular Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2016.
7. Unfinished Business:
 - a. EDC Website Design (Commissioner Napierski) – **No action taken**
 - b. Discuss distribution of the EDC M-BAP Pamphlet. – **No action taken**
 - c. Discuss the Montville Conservation and Zoning Plan.
Per discussion, Town Councilor Rogulski proposed that the Commission review the Planning and Zoning Five-Year Plan that he agreed to email to the commissioners to understand the direction of the P&Z. He suggested an informal meeting with Town Planner Vlaun for open dialogue regarding a shared vision for the Town of Montville and to discuss how the Commission can work cohesively with Planning and Zoning.
8. New Business
 - a. Discuss the resignation of Dianne Williams.
Chairman Butzgy discussed information about Ms. Williams' resignation and asked how the Commission would obtain new commissioners who are committed to promoting the interests of Montville, both residential and commercial.
9. Report on Existing, New, Prospective, Lost Businesses (Commissioner Toner)
Commissioners Hewitt and Napierski asked about the information in the report received from the ZWO and how it can be utilized by the Commission. Commissioner Hewitt identified problems with infrastructure such as water and sewer that would require creative

measures for residential and commercial expansion in the Town but noted that it would require study to get what is needed. Town Councilor Rogulski spoke about Route 85 as a tax base and shared history regarding the Route 163 proposed water line.

10. Feedback from the Townspeople and Businesses
 - a. Proposed Recipients for Business Recognition Award – **No action taken**

11. Report from Town Council Liaison Joe Rogulski

Town Council Liaison Rogulski gave an update to the Commission on the budget process thus far for the 2017-2018 fiscal year and factors that may affect it such as the education budget and the RST Program.

12. Communications
 - a. Strat Comms Working Group Update
The Commission discussed the Strat Comms and the need to appoint someone to run it. The focus of the same was to strategize a way in which the Commission can build a framework of open lines of communication as proposed by Town Councilor Rogulski with

13. Remarks from the Public (3 Minute limit)

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14. Remarks from the Commissioners and Town Council Liaison Rogulski

Commissioner Butzgy proposed that the commissioners read the P & Z Five-year Plan for discussion. As well, he agreed to make contact with Town Planner Vlaun as discussed earlier. It was also proposed that the commissioners review the Town Charter regarding the role of the EDC. Commissioner Butzgy stated that the EDC had excellent ideas that it could share with the Town to create initiatives with common objectives. Commissioner Hewitt stated that “their goals (the Town) should be our goals” and also have the right to say “no.” Commissioner Napierski stated that the Commission had spent a lot of time with the Strat Comm and it should continue the proposals outlined in it.

15. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Gloria J. Gathers
Recording Secretary, Town of Montville

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