

Hiram Village
Economic Development Committee Meeting
Rosser Municipal Building
11617 Garfield Road, Hiram, Ohio 44234-3407

August 20, 2024

Present: Chris Perme, Chair
Mayor Anne Haynam
Ed Frato-Sweeney, Village Council
Chris Szell, Council President

Absent: Juan Fernandez, Village Resident
Steve Schuller, Village Administrator

Official Recorder: Susan J. Skrovan-DeYoung, Fiscal Officer

Guests: Morgan Clevenger, a teacher with Hiram College, a non-voting member

General: Mr. Perme called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Mr. Szell motioned to approve the minutes with a second from Mayor Haynam. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion:
The following items were discussed:

- The status of the corner business property; not a whole lot going on, it may be quietly listed for sale. The desire is to fill the businesses in the center area to promote our downtown area.
- The Jesse Smith House for a possible commercial location site.
- Hiram College wants to hold onto some of their unoccupied spaces to promote higher enrollment.
- The Mayor is working on some other potential properties within the Village for commercial sites.
- Update on Maggie's: they are in the process of seeking feedback through a survey from Village residents and students. They want to re-brand. They are a non-profit now.
- The Mayor is talking with the Hiram Inn to expand and utilize their liquor license. There is not one place where Village residents can go and hang out after a class or group meeting or whatever.
- The Chamber of Commerce; no one attended the last meeting due to the storm and power outage.
- The creation of a consignment shop or a farmer's market.
- P&Z looking to rezone our existing map including some ideas to create some new district opportunities. Hiram College property has been zoned "College Research", maybe not a great use of that property. Ed is working on the residential areas. We are going to identify a development district; something like a mixed-use district. Do we need straight up commercial?

Mr. Perme asked for a motion to adjourn. Mayor Haynam moved to adjourn with a second from Ed Frato-Sweeney. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved:

Susan J. Skrovan-DeYoung, Fiscal Officer

Chris Perme, Chair