

**Hiram Village Economic Development Committee
Organizational Meeting**

Rosser Municipal Building
11617 Garfield Road, Hiram, Ohio 44234

June 23, 2020

Present:

Mayor Lou Bertrand
Tom Bollenbacher, Hiram Village Resident
Rob Dempsey, Hiram Village Council President
Paul Spencer, Hiram Village Councilmember
Ann Haynam, Hiram Village Resident

Official Recorder:

Wendelin Taylor, Asst. Fiscal Officer

Guests:

Brad Ehrhart – Portage Development Board
Ed Frato-Sweeney – Hiram College
Steve Schuller, Hiram Village Asst. Administrator

General: The meeting of June 23, 2020 is an organizational meeting for the Village Economic Development Committee. Tom Bollenbacher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Tom Bollenbacher introduced those present including Brad Ehrhart from the Portage Development Board. Mr. Ehrhart gave an overview of the function of the Portage Development Board and what they have accomplished for other communities.

Rob Dempsey nominated Tom Bollenbacher as Committee Chair. Paul Spencer seconded the nomination. The nomination passed.

Committee members at present are:

Tom Bollenbacher, Chair
Mayor Lou Bertrand
Rob Dempsey
Paul Spencer
Ann Haynam

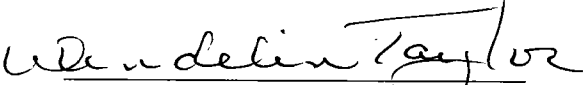
The Committee will present legislation to the Hiram Village Council for the purpose of forming the Hiram Village Economic Development Committee.

The Committee will meet the third Tuesday of the month.

Other Business: A general discussion was held regarding possible opportunities to promote existing and recruiting new businesses in Hiram Village. Tom Bollenbacher put forward the idea of a “destination restaurant” in the Village. Possible locations would be the Hiram College Inn or Buckingham Place. The need for more industry was also discussed. It was decided that the members should canvas the existing businesses for their opinions and suggestions. Mayor Bertrand volunteered to contact Mantaline’s Mark Trushel and Dave Auble the owner of the Ohio Health Benefits building and the Old Fire Station as well as rental properties in the Village. Paul Spencer suggested the land owners in the Village be approached as well.

The next meeting will be held July 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:


Wendelin Taylor, Asst. Fiscal Officer

Approved:


Mayor Lou Bertrand