

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

March 16, 2021

Present: Tom Bollenbacher, Hiram Village Resident
Rob Dempsey, Hiram Village Council President
Paul Spencer, Hiram Village Councilmember
James McGee, Village Administrator
Mayor Lou Bertrand
Anne Haynam

Absent: Nancy Rubin

Official Recorder: Wendelin Taylor, Asst. Fiscal Officer

Guests: Planning & Zoning members Dan Burdecki and
Willard Greenwood
Todd Peetz, Director - Portage County Regional Planning
Commission (arrived @ 7:30 pm)

General: This meeting was held in the Village service garage. Tom Bollenbacher called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. The February 23, 2021 meeting minutes were reviewed. Mayor Bertrand motioned to accept the minutes. Rob Dempsey seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The minutes from the February 9, 2021 Economic Development/Planning & Zoning joint meeting were reviewed. Paul Spencer motioned to accept the minutes. Mayor Bertrand seconded. Motion passed unanimously.


Other Business:

- Rob Dempsey is the Village representative to the Portage County Regional Planning Commission. He did attend the latest meeting. Todd Peetz reported on the land use map being compiled for Hiram Village. Mr. Peetz is expected to attend the March meeting.
- Todd Peetz, Director for Portage County Regional Planning arrived at 7:30 pm. He did deliver the land use map along with an environmental features map. Mr. Peetz explained the maps, their various features and took questions during his session.
- The EDC discussed changing some of the Village zoning to better reflect the actual use of properties. Paul Spencer and Mayor Bertrand would like to see the College property zoning modified from College Research (CR) to College Commercial. The specifics would need to be worked out with Planning & Zoning. Paul Spencer suggested a list of owners in the South side of the Village be compiled and those individuals be approached regarding land use/future plans. Mr. Peetz said his department can do that and will forward that information.


- Tom Bollenbacher has had another discussion with Jeff Benner regarding the property off SR 305. Mr. Benner would like to develop that parcel(s) into a housing development. Mr. Benner had received Planning & Zoning approval several years ago for such a plan but has not made any movement toward that type of development. If the scope of the plan has changed he will again need to approach Planning & Zoning for approval. He will also need to provide an utility plan to the Village Administrator for water/sewer service. The development may need a sewer lift station due to the location of the parcel(s).

The next meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:


Wendelin Taylor, Asst. Fiscal Officer

Approved:


Tom Bollenbacher, Chair