

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

March 19, 2024

Present: Mayor Anne Haynam
Ed Frato-Sweeney, Village Council
Juan Fernandez, Village Resident
Steve Schuller, Village Administrator

Absent: Chris Perme, Chair
Chris Szell, Village Council

Official Recorder: Wendelin Taylor, Asst. Fiscal Officer

Guests:

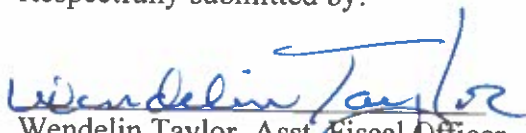
General: Mayor Haynam called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The minutes from February 20th were approved.

Discussion: Mayor Haynam gave an update on the meeting with Portage County Regional Planning. Discussion followed. Steve mentioned that any grant monies from PCRP is based on the area's LMI rating (low – moderate income). Unfortunately, Hiram Township is included with Hiram Village's LMI which knocks the village out of consideration. The village may want to petition the state to have that changed. PCRP is looking into what can be done. Mayor Haynam gave a report on contact with various village businesses. A discussion followed regarding various properties in the village. February's public forum held at Hiram College, how to approach community involvement, communicating what the village does have to offer and what businesses could be initially attracted to the village that will add value to the community was also discussed. Mr. Frato-Sweeney will reach out to the Mantua Revitalization Committee chair.

Mayor Haynam asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Frato-Sweeney moved to adjourn. Juan Fernandez second. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:


Wendelin Taylor, Asst. Fiscal Officer

Approved:


Chris Perme, Chair