

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

October 20, 2020

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

Official Recorder: Wendelin Taylor, Asst. Fiscal Officer

Guests: Crystal Stuart, Village resident

General: Tom Bollenbacher called the meeting order at 5:39 p.m.
Rob Dempsey motioned to approve the minutes. Anne Haynam corrected the spelling of her first name.
Tom asked for a motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Paul Spencer motioned. Anne Haynam seconded. Motion passed.

Tom asked Paul to explain the pending legislation to establish the Economic Development Committee.
Paul summarized the legislation outlining the powers and duties, also listing the membership.
(A draft of Ordinance 2020-24 and accompanying Exhibit "A" is attached for clarification.)

Other Business:

Discussion followed regarding the potential opportunities for the Village and the goals of the Committee.
Tom feels the Committee should be project driven. Anne Haynam agrees the Committee should focus on one or two projects at a time and more importantly the development of a downtown.

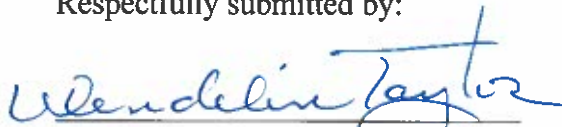
Committee members are asked to approach existing business owners and potential prospects from the surrounding area. Anne has compiled a list of questions member can use during conversations with these business owners. Tom requested the Committee members review the question list. At the next meeting the group will discuss at communication program.

Tom suggested the following be done prior to November's meeting.

- 1.) Start having conversations with area businesses.
- 2.) Meet with Applejack Properties owner Andrew Zuronic. Applejack Properties own land adjacent to Mantaline on Constance.
- 3.) Consider approaching the Planning and Zoning Committee regarding some zoning changes.
- 4.) Contact Terri Ellenberger, owner of the commercial property at 11658 Garfield Road.

The next meeting will be held November 17, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:


Wendelin Taylor, Asst. Fiscal Officer

Approved:


Mayor Lou Bertrand