

Economic Development Committee Meeting

Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm
Village Hall
405 Main St. Pecatonica, IL

1. **Call to Order-** The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Tom Heister at 6:00 pm on Monday, February 13, 2023.
2. **Roll call –** Village President Tom Heister, Village Trustee Tom Gipe, and Committee Member Bob Squires, and Margaret Larson were present. Chairman Kathy Doty and Committee Member Devin Woods and Jon Wise were absent. Committee Member Devin Woods joined the meeting at 6:24 pm.

Also in attendance were Heather Squires, Michelle Johnson and Rebecca Brown.

3. **Additions/Corrections to the Agenda-**add under new business a. Discuss Fairground events, and b. Porch Fest

A motion was made by Trustee Gipe seconded by Village President Heister to approve the agenda as amended. Discussion. A roll call vote was taken and all present voted yes. Motion approved.

4. **Public Comment-** Heather Squires addressed the committee she thanked the committee for their help with the Fall Festival. She also discussed the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt. She reviewed the plans for the Egg Hunt. She asked the committee for a donation for the event. This will be added to the next Economic Development meeting.
5. **Approve January 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes-** A motion was made by Committee member Squires and seconded by Village President Heister to approve the January 9, 2023 Minutes. Discussion. Village President Heister let the committee know that when the donation to the Art Club was discussed at the Regular Board Meeting the Village Board increased the donation to \$1,000.00. A roll call vote was and all present voted yes. Motion approved.

6. **Discuss Donation to Pecatonica Key Club-** Rebecca Brown presented to the committee the information for the Mr. PHS Event. The Key Club will be donating the proceeds to KNRF which provided grants to top level medical and scientific researchers specializing in disease of the brain and central nervous system. The goal with Mr. PHS is to raise as much money as possible for KNRF so they can continue to help pave the way with their significant medical breakthroughs and continue to help children/people all around the country. They hope to raise \$4,500.00. Discussion.

A motion was made by Committee member Larson and seconded by Trustee Gipe to donate \$500.00 to the Key Club. Discussion. The committee discussed increasing the donation to \$1,000.00.

A motion was made by Committee Member Larson seconded by Committee Member Squires to increase the donation to \$1,000.00. A roll call vote was taken, Gipe yes, Heister yes. Motion approved 2-0-1.

7. **Review Budget for FY 23/24-** The committee reviewed the proposed budget, current balance in account and reviewed line items. The committee discussed possible project for the upcoming fiscal year. Discussion. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

- 8. Discuss Ideas for Events Form-** The committee discussed the Street Closures forms, and the need for barricades and other signs to allow the village to safely close the streets. Discussion.

A motion was made by Committee member Squires seconded by Woods to send to the full board for approval the purchase of barricades and signs not to exceed \$7,000.00. Discussion. A roll call vote was taken, Gipe yes and Heister yes. Motion approved 2-0-1

9. New Business-

- a. Discuss Fairgrounds Events-** Village President Heister discussed upcoming events at the Fairgrounds. In June, they will be having a multi-day demolition derby, and in July, there will be a monster Truck event and a Softball Tournament. Discussed how the downtown district could benefit from the events. Everyone is ask to come up with ideas how the committee can help the businesses welcome the event attendees, suggestions to include possible signage to draw the people to visit the downtown district before or after attending the events. Discussion. This will be discussed at upcoming committee meeting.
- b. Porch Fest-** Committee member Larson shared a flyer she received from a friend in regards to a Porch Fest in Mt. Morris. The committee discussed the possibility of having one in the village. Discussion. Margaret Larson will scan the flyer and email it to the committee members. To be discussed at upcoming meetings.

Committee member Woods discussed the possibility of an EV Charging station. This will be discussed at upcoming meetings.

- 10. Adjournment-** A motion was made by Committee member Squires seconded by Trustee Gipe to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:52