

Economic Development Committee Meeting

Monday, October 16, 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 Kathy Doty at 6:00 pm on Monday, October 16, 2023.
2. **The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited.**
3. **Roll call –** Chairman Doty, Trustee Tom Gipe and committee members Jack Stroup, and Jennifer Vanderjack were present. Trustee Kim Gipe and Committee members Cheryl Bean and Cassie Blair were absent.

Also in attendance were Village President Heister, Heather Squires, Tanya Wurtzel.

4. **Additions/Corrections to the Agenda-** None

Motion made by Jack Stroup seconded by Jennifer Vanderjack to approve the agenda. A roll call vote was taken, all present voted yes motion approved.

5. **Public Comment-** None

6. **Approve September 11, 2023, Meeting Minutes-**

A motion was made by Jack Stroup and seconded by Jennifer Vanderjack to approve the September 11, 2023, Minutes. Discussion. A roll call vote was taken, all present voted yes motion approved.

7. **Review and Approve Pecatonica Women's Club Street Closure Request–**

Heather Squires and Tanya Wurtzel of the Pecatonica Woman's Club reviewed the street closure request for the Christmas Walk and asked the committee for a donation of \$800.00 to sponsor the Horse and carriage expense for the event. Discussion. The committee asked questions about the date change, details in regard to the event. They also discussed timelines of the event and the lighted Christmas Parade. They discussed what would be required of the Public Works Department to place and remove barricades when needed. Questions were raised as to fundraising that is done by the Woman's Club throughout the year. They discussed how the Woman's Club was going to get the word to non-residents regarding the new date as many people from out of town have attended the event in the past. The Woman's Club has made changes to the request since submission of the Street Closure Form. A new form will have to be completed. Discussion. The committee stated that this would need to be approved at the board level.

A motion was made by Tom Gipe and seconded by Jack Stroup to send a recommendation for the street closure and the donation in the amount of \$800.00 to the full board at the November 2, 2023, board meeting. Discussion. A roll call vote was taken, all present voted yes motion approved.

8. **Discuss Guidelines for Donations-**

The committee reviewed the report from the treasurer and discussed the need for donation guidelines in the future. This was for discussion only and will be discussed at future meetings.

9. Review Matching Business Grant Application-

The committee discussed different ways to get the word out about the matching grant, they are to review the guidelines and bring suggestions back to future committee meetings.

10. New Business - None

11. Next Meeting- Monday, November 13, 2023

12. Adjournment- A motion was made by Jack Stroup seconded by Tom Gipe to adjourn. All in favor.
The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.