

## Economic Development Committee Meeting

Monday, July 8, 2024, at 6:00 pm  
Village Hall  
405 Main St. Pecatonica, IL

1. **Call to Order-** The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Collin Hardy at 6:00 pm on Monday, July 8, 2024.

2. **The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited.**

**Roll call** – Chair Collin Hardy, Trustees Kim Gipe and Cheryl Bean, Committee members Jack Stroup and Dawn Bratrud were present, Committee Members Jennifer Vanderjack and Nick McGee were absent.

Alson in attendance Village President Tom Heister, Darla Stram, Nick Berry, John Moyer, Joe Musso, and Joe Aaronson.

3. **Additions or Corrections to Agenda –**

Move item 12 to August’s meeting.

Move item 13 to a sooner discussion.

5. **Approve the Agenda -**

Motion made by Trustee Bean seconded by Trustee Kim Gipe to approve the agenda as amended. A roll call vote was taken. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0-2.

6. **Public Comment - None**

7. **Approve June 10, 2024, Minutes -**

A motion was made by Trustee Kim Gipe and seconded by Trustee Bean to approve the June 10, 2024, Minutes. Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted yes. Motion approved.

8. **Discussion regarding Food Pantry -**

Nick informed the committee that the Public Works committee has helped the Pecatonica food pantry pick up food from Bloomington, IL. They bought a trailer in 2020 for the trips to Bloomington and he stated the axels on the trailer are now damaged. He is coming to the economic development committee to request some funding towards the repairs as the committee has been the one providing them with the cost of fuel. He was quoted \$3,200 by NITE and asks for funds towards the repairs. The food pantry has offered to provide some money for the repairs as well.

A motion was made by Committee Member Stroup and seconded by Trustee Kim Gipe to donate \$2,000 towards the cost of repairs. No discussion. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted yes.

9. **Discuss and Approve Donation to Cars on Main -**

Joe Aaronson is in attendance to ask for a donation to the Cars on Main event. It is his first time running the event and he ran into a small bunch of expenses he did not expect. He created an LLC which was \$150, he is looking at roughly \$900 for port-o potty’s, and he’s looking get a DJ as well. He stated anyone wanting to show a car in the

event pays \$20 but also gets a shirt and food vouchers. He was not given access to the account in previous years so it's a fresh slate of funding for this event. He does plan on hosting the event for quite a long time, yearly. Chairman Hardy gave a recommendation for Port-A-Potty Roscoe for a cheaper quote on those. After more discussion, Aaronson decided to remove the bounce-house. The committee gave recommendations on places to pass out and hang up flyers for the car show.

A motion was made by Committee Member Stroup and seconded by Trustee Kim Gipe to approve an additional donation of \$1,000.00 to Cars on Main. Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0-2.

#### **10. Discuss the Flag Program -**

Joe Musso attended the meeting to let the committee know he will be raising the prices to purchase flags. He stated he will be raising the price to \$60 from the previous \$32 due to the price of the flag and additional items needed. Discussion

#### **11. Discuss and Approve Labor Day Event Street Closure -**

The committee discusses the street closure for the Labor Day event. Chairman Hardy asked the committee where the food trucks would be placed so the street closures can be clarified. He stated he does not want to block 3<sup>rd</sup> St if he doesn't have to, but Nick Berry responded that having the blocked areas bigger than needed would be better for the safety of the residents, especially children.

A motion was made by Trustee Bean and seconded by Committee Member Stroup to approve the Labor Day Event Street Closure areas. Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted yes. Motion approved 5-0-2.

#### **12. Discuss Labor Day Event -**

Chairman Hardy announced that there will be three confirmed food trucks for the event. He did mention there is a 50/50 probability for a fourth truck. The committee discussed any booths that may be set up for the event as well. Chairman Hardy discussed having a magician down from Madison, WI. The committee decided that going with the magician, the band, and the DJ would be a solid line-up for entertainment. Two axe throwing cages will also be placed on Main St somewhere. There won't be a charge for him to set up the business, he will charge visitors for a certain amount of time of axe throwing. The committee discussed having a bean-bag tournament.

A motion was made by Committee Member Stroup and seconded by Trustee Kim Gipe to hire James the Magician out of Madison for the Labor Day event August 31, 2024. Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0-2.

#### **13. Review Current Financials -**

The committee reviewed the current financials. No discussion regarding balances. President Heister asked the committee if they'd be open to purchasing 16 bags of red mulch for the flower beds, the committee agreed.

#### **14. Next Meeting - Monday, August 12, 2024**

**15. Adjournment** - A motion was made by Trustee Bean and seconded by Trustee Gipe to adjourn the meeting. All in favor meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.