

## Economic Development Committee Meeting

**Monday, March 10, 2025, at 6:00 pm  
Village Hall  
405 Main St. Pecatonica, IL**

1. **Call to Order-** The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Collin Hardy at 6:00 pm on Monday, March 10, 2025.
2. **The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited.**
3. **Roll call-** Chairman Collin Hardy, Trustees Kim Gipe and Cheryl Bean and Committee Members, Nick McGee and Jennifer Vanderjack were present. Committee Members Dawn Brattrud and Jack Stroup were absent.

Also in attendance: Village Clerk Darla Stram, Village Treasurer Jordan Hartman, Ted Deppe, Brad Grunder, Heather Squires, Tanya Wurtzel and Emily Behnke.

4. **Additions or Corrections to Agenda** – An addition will be added to the agenda #12, Emily Behnke, PSA.
5. **Approve the Agenda -**

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

6. **Public Comment –**

Heather Squires and Tanya Wurtzel were in attendance, on behalf of the Women's Club, to ask for the full donation of \$1,500.00 allotted for the year so they could use a portion for the Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 19 at the school. This request will be added to the agenda for the next meeting on April 14, 2025.

7. **Approve February 10, 2025, Minutes -**

A motion was made by Trustee Gipe and seconded by Trustee Bean to approve February 10, 2025, Minutes. No Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion approved. 5-0-2.

8. **Discussion and possible recommendation to the Full Board Street Closure and Donation for Memorial Day**

Ted Deppe spoke to the request for the street closure for the parade. The route will be changed this year. The Pecatonica Parade is requesting approximately \$700.00 to cover the cost of insurance for this event. Trustee Bean moved, Trustee Gipe seconded to recommend to the full board to donate \$1,500.00 to the Pecatonica Parade Committee to use for expenses for the Memorial Day Parade and to approve the street closure requested. No Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion approved 5-0-2.

9. **Discuss Ad Congratulating the Girls Basketball Team**

Trustee Hardy approved an ad congratulating the Girls Basketball Team on going to the State Championship at a cost of \$295.00.

**10. Kathy Doty Regarding Donation for Pecatonica Preschool –**

Last month, Kathy Doty, on behalf of the Pecatonica Preschool, requested donations of \$300.00 to help with the Color Run Fundraiser and \$100.00 for the Driving Range Fundraiser. Trustee Gipe moved, Trustee Vanderjack seconded to donate \$400.00 to the Pecatonica Preschool for the two fundraisers. No Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion approved 5-0-2.

**11. Discuss Purchase of Educational Water and Sewer Activities books –**

Brad spoke to handing out educational water and sewer activity books to children at local events. Brad will order 200 books plus some crayons at this time and see how it goes over at the Easter event before they order anymore.

**12. Emily Behnke for Pecatonica Sports Association –**

Emily Behnke had a proposal from Pecatonica Sports Association for a donation for a baseball pitching machine. About 90 families participate in the program. The PSA tries to keep the costs low for the families. Trustee Bean moved, Trustee Gipe moved to recommend to the full board to review and approve a possible donation to the Pecatonica Sports Association. No Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion approved 5-0-2.

**13. Labor Day Event – Saturday, August 30, 2025**

Chairman Hardy is still looking for a band. He is looking for volunteers to tackle some of the tasks needed for the Labor Day Event. Committee Member Vanderjack will take care of the 5K run, Trustee Gipe will check if she can work on the market, Member McGee the food trucks, Iron Skulls Kite Day, and Trustee Gipe the Bags Tournament. They will look for a couple of kids activities and candy needs to be ordered. Save the date banner will be updated and displayed.

**14. Discussion and Finalization of the FY 2026 Budget –**

Discussion was held regarding the proposed budget. It will be submitted at the finance meeting tomorrow.

**15. Next Meeting Date Monday April 14, 2025**

**16. Adjournment –**

A motion was made by Trustee Gipe and seconded by Trustee Bean to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved 5-0-2. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.