

Economic Development Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 12, 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 Kim Gipe at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, August 12, 2025.
2. **The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited.**
3. **Roll call-** Chairman Kim Gipe, Trustees Heather Squires and James Green were present. Committee Members Jack Stroup, Jennifer Vanderjack, and Dawn Bratrud were absent.

Also in attendance: Trustee Tanya Wurtzel, Administrative Assistant Nikki Thompson, Jessica Owens with the Pecatonica Women's Club, and Boone with the Iron Skulls.

4. **Additions or Corrections to Agenda** – Add Women's Club donation/sponsorship and street closure request, Iron Skulls Kite Day insurance quote, and discussion of property at 3123 N. Pecatonica Rd.
5. **Approve the Agenda -**
Motion made by Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee Squires to approve the agenda with additions. All present voted yes. Motion approved 3-0-3.
6. **Public Comment** – None.
7. **Approve July 14, 2025, Minutes –**

A motion was made by Trustee Squires and seconded by Trustee Green to approve July 14, 2025, minutes. No discussion. All present voted yes. Motion approved 3-0-3.

8. **Discuss Resignation of Committee Member -**

A discussion was held regarding the resignation of a committee member. Changing the ordinance to state that the committee would be made up of 2 community members and 3 Trustees was discussed, as well as the possibility of adding term limits for the community members. Tabled to Regular Board Meeting.

9. **Discuss and possible approval of First Baptist Church Street Closure -**

A motion was made by Trustee Squires and seconded by Trustee Green to approve First Baptist street closure of 7th St. between Washington St. and Taylor St. from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on September 13th, waiving the 60 day requirement. All present voted yes. Motion approved 3-0-3.

10. **Discuss and possible approval of Street Closure for Labor Day Event -**

A motion was made by Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee Squires to approve street closure for the Labor Day Event on August 30th, waiving the 60 day requirement. All present voted yes. Motion approved 3-0-3.

11. Discuss Labor Day Festival –

The committee discussed the Labor Day event. Layout and times were discussed for the fire truck activities, food trucks, and the band.

12. A. Discuss Memorial Bricks –

A motion was made by Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee Squires to place the bricks in the ground around the parking lot at the corner of 4th St. and Main St. in the spring of 2026, with the design to be decided at a later date. All present voted yes. Motion approved 3-0-3.

B. Discuss Property at 3123 N. Pecatonica Rd. –

Chairman Gipe will be meeting with a realtor or property developer to discuss ideas regarding what to do with the property. Tabled to next Economic Development Meeting.

C. Discuss Quote and Possible Donation to ISMA to Cover Insurance for their Kite Day Event -

The committee discussed the donation to the ISMA Kite Day Event. Committee member Jake Stroup received a quote of \$277 towards the Iron Skulls for insurance. Tabled to next Regular Board meeting.

D. Discuss Pecatonica Women's Club Street Closure for Fall Festival –

Jessica Owens from the Pecatonica Women's Club addressed the Committee and requested approval of street closures for the Fall Festival on October 25th. They are also requesting sponsorship/donation from the Village for a petting zoo during the Fall Festival in the amount of \$1,550. Tabled to next Regular Board meeting.

13. Next Meeting Date Monday, September 8, 2025

14. Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee Squires to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved 3-0-3. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.