

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE  
**ECONOMIC PLANNING BOARD MEETING**

7800 S. Archer Road, Justice, IL  
Thursday, July 20, 2017 @ 7:00 PM



**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:01PM

**ROLL CALL:**

Economic Development Coordinator Brittany Abrams called the roll. Present are Chairman Matthew Zarebczan and Board Members: Orley O. Betcher Jr., David Shipyor and Joseph Chicola. Not in attendance are John Kapecki and Fran Mills.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the June 15, 2017 regular Economic Planning Board Meeting as submitted, or if necessary as corrected.

Motion: Joseph Chicola Moves: To approve the minutes as submitted.

Second: Orley O. Betcher Jr.

VOTE: Orley O. Betcher Jr., David Shipyor and Joseph Chicola. All ayes. Motion passed.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Two new businesses opened in Justice. Connect Freight Inc., a trucking and dispatch business and Connect Truck Center Inc., a truck repair business both located at 8211 S. 86th Court in the Justice Industrial Park. Zak's Food and Liquor recently petitioned the Village Board to add video gaming and they were approved, and Mr. Suhas Patel the owner of E&M Food and Liquor approached the Village Board to open a premium coffee shop with coffee, donuts, fast food and gaming. Global Services International (GSI), has asked the Village Board for approval to complete a survey of the village for a possible partnership for technology and marketing opportunity. We will be one of five villages to innovate the smart city concept if this project takes place. Chairman Matthew Zarebczan also stated that a project packet was given to the Economic Planning Board to explain the current Village of Justice projects underway. Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) sent an email to the Village of Justice to schedule an interview in regard to the three applications that were submitted. This is a great sign and the interview will be taking place in the coming weeks!

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT:**

Economic Development Coordinator shared that Location One has a new platform that is launching this summer. When further information is provided, she will send it to the Economic Planning Board. Chairman Matthew Zarebczan also asked Brittany Abrams to send the notes she composed from the Buxton Marketing 101 Webinar to the EPB.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Business Retention & Expansion Committee:

Orley O. Betcher Jr. said he stopped into the new business on 86<sup>th</sup> Court and updated them on the Village of Justice news. Economic Development Coordinator Brittany Abrams visited Kram Taxes and Licenses Inc., and also Pamela Eernisse D.P.M. to present them with their 10<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Certificate along with their free Justice Newsletter advertisement. Chairman Matthew Zarebczan notified the board that the Grocery and Liquor store located in the plaza on 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue has closed and there has been interest in filling the vacant space. David Shipyor asked if the writable pdf for the business survey document can be placed on our webpage to make it easily accessible for the businesses.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Orley O. Betcher Jr. reminded everyone that the Justice Chamber of Commerce will be having their Annual Rib Fest on July 22, 2017 from Noon until 3PM at the Lipinski Community Center. Chairman Matthew Zarebczan will email the Economic Planning Board with possible dates for the 2017 Marketing Video Planning Workshop. During the workshop, Chairman Matthew Zarebczan and Economic Planning Board Coordinator Brittany Abrams will share videos with the group to give them a better idea of how to market a community. Chairman Matthew Zarebczan contacted Moraine Valley Community College to see if there would be an interested in providing assistance with the creation of the video. David Shipyor and he agreed to visit Moraine Valley to meet with someone in regard to video marketing. Chairman Matthew Zarebczan said he is working towards a way to provide video footage of the upcoming Village of Justice Auto Show to be held on Friday, August 25, 2017.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Chairman Matthew Zarebczan stated that he explained the idea of the smart city technology and marketing opportunities earlier in the meeting but encouraged anyone who had further questions to share.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Trustee Hank Oszakiewski encouraged everyone to attend the Justice Chamber of Commerce Annual Rib Fest on Saturday. Tickets are \$22.00 for all you can eat ribs. Resident Lukasz Dusza asked if there was a way to implement beautification on the medians located in Justice. Chairman Matthew Zarebczan explained that those medians are located on state and county roads. There are certain guidelines to follow and permits must be obtained to complete projects. He announced that each year a beautification project is completed and all are welcome to volunteer.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion to Adjourn.

MOTION: Joseph Chicola

SECOND: Orley O. Betcher Jr.

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Brittany Abrams  
Economic Development Coordinator