

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE
ECONOMIC PLANNING BOARD MEETING
7800 S. Archer Road, Justice, IL 60458
Thursday, September 21, 2017 @ 7:00PM



CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM

ROLL CALL: Economic Development Coordinator Brittany Abrams called the roll. Present are Board Members: Orley O. Betcher Jr., Fran Mills, David Shipyor and Joseph Chicola. John Kapecki via phone. Excused absence of Chairman Matthew Zarebczan and Board Member John Obrochta.

Motion: Fran Mills would like to entertain a motion to appoint Joseph Chicola as Pro-Temp Chairman for the purpose of this meeting.

Motion: David Shipyor

Second: Orley O. Betcher Jr.

Vote: All ayes. Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the August 17, 2017 regular Economic Planning Board meeting as submitted or if necessary as corrected.

Joseph Chicola asked to make a correction to the minutes under Old Business. The sentence was changed to "Joseph Chicola stressed the need for having the Village of Justice businesses advertise on a billboard located on the tollway might also be something to consider."

Motion: Fran Mills. Moves: To approve the minutes as corrected.

Second: Orley O. Betcher Jr.

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Pro-Temp Chairman Joseph Chicola asked Economic Development Coordinator Brittany Abrams if Director of Economic Development Matthew Zarebczan had left any report for this evening. Brittany Abrams stated that no report was available for this evening and that updates will be provided at the next Economic Planning Board Meeting.

COORDINATOR REPORT:

Economic Development Coordinator Brittany Abrams shared that a new Location One platform will be launched the week of October 23. She was informed that the site will be under construction periodically to allow data to be transferred to a new platform. Webinars and online training materials will be accessible once the new platform is launched. She will share the training information with the Economic Planning Board once it is received.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMITTEE REPORT:

No business visits were completed this past month. Pro Temp Joseph Chicola said it would be a great idea to go back to the businesses who were originally interested in the online fillable form to share with them how to find the form online for their convenience. Economic Development Coordinator Brittany Abrams mentioned she had sent this fillable form via email to the businesses who requested it once before. At this time she still has not received any completed forms in return.

OLD BUSINESS:

Economic Development Coordinator Brittany Abrams thanked everyone who took the time to come out and share their ideas at the Marketing Video Workshop that was held on Monday, September 18, 2017. There were ten participants and their enthusiasm was greatly appreciated. Brittany Abrams will put together notes from the meeting as well as an outline for the Marketing Video Workshop. Once an outline is completed she will work with Director of Economic Development Matthew Zarebczan and John Kapecki to schedule a date to meet with Tribeca College.

NEW BUSINESS:

Economic Development Coordinator Brittany Abrams explained that the coupon program has not been as effective as we had hoped and asked the Economic Planning Board for more ideas to make the program better. When asking participating businesses about the use of coupons, many explained that there has been only a few customers who present the coupon each quarter. Brittany Abrams asked the Economic Planning Board about having the coupons available three times throughout the year rather than four times throughout the year. David Shipyor asked if the information was available on the website and Brittany Abrams explained that she has placed coupon notifications on Facebook, the village website, in the village newsletters and sent information via email. Trustee Hank Oszakiewski said that he will distribute these coupon applications to businesses when he visits them to gain more participation and awareness. John Kapecki suggested placing a Building Justice Together sticker in each participating business to raise awareness about the coupon program. Fran Mills stated it would be nice to have those coupons available by the agendas for the Board Meetings so more residents will become aware of the program. Trustee Melanie Kuban said it can also be mentioned during a Board Meeting so it will be displayed in the local newspapers.

Motion: Fran Mills entertained a motion to change the coupon program from a quarterly program to three times throughout the year.

Motion: David Shipyor

Second: Joseph Chicola

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Trustee Hank Oszakiewski shared an update that was mentioned by Mayor Kris Wasowicz at the Committee Meeting the evening before. The Mayor held a meeting with an interested developer for the 83rd Street and Cork Avenue fourteen acre property. At the Justice Board

Meeting, it was discussed that any other developer who is interested in the property should come forward and share their idea for the property with the Village Board. The Mayor also spoke with the developer, Heidner Properties, about the right of way that will be needed for the construction of the tollway ramps on the Triangle Property located at 7887 Archer Road. The planning for the development has been moving forward. Also, it has been brought to the village's attention that the property located at the previous Ray's Food & Liquor (8049 W. 79th Street) might be opening as an auto dealership. More information will be provided at a later time. David Shipyor asked about Walgreens development opportunities. It was stated that there are certain requirements for the site and that they are specific on layout within communities. Fran Mills asked where the traffic count can be found and Ed Shilka stated that the information is listed on the Village of Justice Economic Development Webpage. Trustee Hank Oszakiewski then shared information on an article that was printed in the Village View Newspaper dated September 19, 2017. This article explained how the City of Hickory Hills has been listening to their residents' concerns about the property in which a new Dunkin Donuts with a drive thru was intended on being built at 8700 W. 95th Street. Residents voiced their opinions during both Zoning and Planning Board meetings. The main concerns quoted by residents were public safety, parking problems and quality of life being disrupted. Traffic and access to the already existing business in that area will also be an issue. Trustee Hank Oszakiewski said it is required to have open meetings where residents have the opportunity to share their input and express their concerns about future commercial developments, for transparency in decision making.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair will entertain a Motion to Adjourn.

Motion: David Shipyor

Second: Fran Mills

Voice Vote: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Abrams