



Village of Justice
Economic Planning Board Meeting
7800 S. Archer Road, Justice, IL 60458
Minutes of Thursday, November 19, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

ROLL CALL:

Economic Development Coordinator Brittany Abrams called the roll. Present are Chairman Matthew Zarebczan, Board Members: Orley O. Betcher Jr., John Kapecki, and Fran Mills. Excused absence Wojciech Dziechciowski,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the October 15, 2015 regular Economic Planning Board meeting as submitted or if necessary as corrected.

MOTION: Fran Mills. Moves: To approve the minutes as submitted.

SECOND: Orley O. Betcher Jr.

VOTE: Orley O. Betcher Jr., John Kapecki, and Fran Mills.

All ayes. Motion passed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Matthew Zarebczan announced the new businesses located in the Village. Cop'em or Drop'em a retail consignment business doing business at 8519 S. 88th Ave., GA Service Company is a new home occupation located in Justice, this company is a general construction business. Justax had a great turnout at their Grand Opening that was held on the 14th of November.

A bid for demolition of the Triangle Property has been accepted. Asbestos was found in the vacant apartment building and diner on the property, an environmental company will be assisting us with the removal. The Illinois Department of Transportation has a bid out for the Frontage Road Reconstruction project. Illinois Jobs Now Project will be a two phase project and a bid was accepted for the first phase. Friends of the Environment, a non for profit environmental group will be working on the removal of the UST's at the abandoned gas station located at 8801 W. 84th Place. Saturday, December 5 is the final day to submit applications for the vacant spot on the Economic Planning Board.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

On Friday, December 4, 2015 at the Justice Village Hall, the village will hold its 2nd Annual Winter Wonderland event.

CORRESPONDANCE: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business Retention & Expansion-

Coordinator Brittany Abrams reported that the only concerns from the business visits from the previous month were in regards to the road projects. It was explained to those business owners that these projects should begin in spring 2016.

OLD BUSINESS:

The 2016 Coupon Book plan was approved by the Mayor and Board of Trustees. The application will be sent out this coming Monday with the Business License Renewals for the 2016 year. Supplies will be ordered to begin putting these coupon books together. Chairman Matthew Zarebczan asked the Economic Planning Board members to take home and review the Strategic Plan Draft that Economic Development Coordinator Brittany Abrams has created. The first step they are asking the Economic Planning Board to complete is to fill out a Strength, Weakness, Opportunity, and Threat Analysis. Chairman Zarebczan also asked the board to assist in creating questions for a survey that will allow residents and business owners to share their outlook for the future of Economic Development in the Village of Justice. Trustee Small suggested having those surveys available at the Winter Wonderland and also in the Village Hall.

NEW BUSINESS:

Orley O. Betcher Jr. announced the Business Appreciation Dinner will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2016. The Justice Chamber of Commerce will provide the cake and Village of Justice will provide the dinner. At this time they are still gathering 2-3 speakers for the dinner that will assist Justice Businesses in their future growth. Fran Mills has a list of speakers that she feels will be a great source and will forward that list to both Chairman Matthew Zarebczan and Coordinator Brittany Abrams. Chairman Zarebczan announced that the Regular Board Meeting for December will be canceled due and the next meeting will not be until January.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair will entertain a Motion to Adjourn.

MOTION: Fran Mills

SECOND: John Kapecki

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany Abrams

Economic Development Coordinator