

Town of Montville
Economic Development Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes -- May 15, 2017
7:00 p.m. – Montville Town Hall - Room 203

1. Call to Order.
Chairman Butzgy called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
All stood and pledged the flag.
3. Roll Call.
Present were Commissioners Walter Hewitt, Christopher Napierski, Jim Toner, and Chairman Karl Butzgy. Also present was Town Council Liaison Joseph Rogulski. A quorum was present.
4. Alterations to the Agenda.
Motion by Commissioner Toner; seconded by Commissioner Hewitt, to add Item 4.1, Election of New Chairperson and Item 4.2, Election of Vice-chairperson. Discussion, none. Voice Vote, 4-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- 4.1 Election of New Chairperson.
Motion by Commissioner Toner; seconded by Commissioner Napierski; to nominate Commissioner Walter Hewitt as the new EDC chairperson. Discussion: Commissioner Butzgy stated he had no problem staying on the Commission until new members are appointed who are committed to the interests of the Town, not their own agenda, and to being an active participant of the EDC. He said he would juggle his personal and business commitments for the progress of the Commission stating that neither recognition nor success was his motive. He also provided the Commission with his new email address. Commissioner Hewitt stated he did not have the time during the day to communicate and work with Town Planner Vlaun as he should. Commissioner Butzgy agreed to reach out to Mayor McDaniel and Town Planner Vlaun to continue the forward movement of the Commission as his daily schedule was more flexible. He also said that he was in agreement with former Commissioner Protz in wanting to know why prospective candidates seek appointments on the EDC. Commissioner Toner stated that Town Councilor Rogulski and Town Council Chairperson Jaskiewicz could seek out the intent of new members. Voice Vote, 4-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hewitt; seconded by Commissioner Napierski, to nominate Commissioner Jim Toner as the new EDC chairperson. Commissioner Toner declined as he sits on Planning and Zoning and did not want the position of EDC chairperson touted as a conflict of interest. No vote taken.

Motion by Commissioner Toner; seconded by Commissioner Butzgy to close the nominations for new EDC chairperson. Discussion, none. Voice Vote, 4-0, all in favor. Motioned carried.

Voice Vote for new EDC Chairperson (Hewitt): 4-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

4.2 Election of New Vice-Chairperson.

Motion by Commissioner Toner; seconded by Commissioner Hewitt, to nominate Commissioner Christopher Napierski as new EDC vice-chairperson. Discussion: Commissioner Butzgy agreed that Commissioner Napierski would be a good candidate. Commissioner Napierski said his availability during the day was similar to that of Commissioner Hewitt. Voice Vote: 4-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Toner; seconded by Commissioner Hewitt, to close the nominations for new EDC vice-chairperson. Discussion: Commissioner Butzgy agreed to help Commissioner Napierski with the transition. Voice Vote, 4-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Voice Vote for new EDC Vice-chairperson (Napierski): 4-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Remarks from the Public regarding items on the Agenda (3-minute limit).

Chairman Butzgy asked three (3) times for remarks. There were none.

6. To Consider and Act on a Motion to approve:

a. The Regular Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2016.

Motion by Commissioner Toner; seconded by Commissioner Napierski, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2016, as written. Discussion: none. Voice Vote, 4-0. Motion carried.

7. Unfinished Business:

a. EDC Website Design (Commissioner Napierski)

Commissioner Napierski stated he had nothing new to report.

b. Discuss distribution of the EDC M-BAP Pamphlet. – *No action taken*

c. Discuss the Montville Conservation and Zoning Plan. – *No action taken*

8. New Business:

a. Discussion of the resignation of Dianne Williams.

Commissioner Butzgy shared with the Commission his exit interview with former Commissioner Williams. Discussion followed.

b. Consideration and action of the focus and direction of Commission.

Per discussion, the Commissioners reiterated the aim to move forward by maintaining the website, seeking new members, and discussion with the Mayor and Town Planner.

9. Report on Existing, New, Prospective, Lost Businesses (Commissioner Toner).

Commissioner Toner gave an update on Town business activity concerning the State centrally Job Center proposal and business leaving the Town, Faria.

10. Feedback from the Townspeople and Businesses.
 - a. Proposed Recipients for Business Recognition Award – *No action taken*

11. Report from Town Council Liaison Joe Rogulski.

Town Councilor Rogulski reported on Town activities such as the final Board of Education budget, the decline in school enrollment; privatization of the school bus garage; and the LED street light project.

12. Communications
 - a. Strat Comms Working Group Update
Commissioner Butzgy that this item would be reassigned. The Commission will meet with the Town Planner and Mayor McDaniel regarding a 5-year plan for the Commission and recruit new members with equal caliber in advancing the work of the Commission.

13. Remarks from the Public (3 Minute limit)

Commissioner Butzgy asked three (3) times for remarks. There were none.

14. Remarks from the Commissioners and Town Council Liaison Rogulski

Commissioners Napierski stated that he would be unavailable from June 16 – July 1 as he was getting married in Thailand. He asked who was going to take the lead on projects. Town Councilor Rogulski said he would email Commissioner Hewitt regarding the quest for new members and would make sure the Town website is updated regarding EDC vacancies. The Commission discussed canceling its scheduled June 19th meeting for a special meeting a week earlier.

Motion by Commissioner Hewitt; seconded by Commissioner Napierski, to cancel the June 19, 2017, EDC Regular Meeting. Discussion, none. Voice Vote, 4-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hewitt; seconded by Commissioner Toner, to schedule a Special Meeting on June 14, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 2013 at the Town Hall. Discussion: The Commission agreed to have a special meeting so that Commissioners Toner and Napierski would be able to attend. Voice Vote, 4-9, all in favor. Motion carried.

15. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Hewitt; seconded by Commissioner Napierski to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Discussion: none. Voice vote; 4-0; all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Gloria J. Gathers
Recording Secretary, Town of Montville

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