

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – January 14, 2013

In accordance with Chapter 231, Public Law, 1975, *Open Public Meeting Act*, notice of time, date and place for this meeting was sent to the Record Breeze and the Courier Post, and is posted in the Municipal Building.

Meeting was called to order by Debra L. Shaw-Blemings at 7:35PM as no Chair or Vice Chair present.

Salute to the flag.

Roll Call:

Robert Koons (Committeeman) - Present
William Richardson (Committeeman) - Absent
Roxanne Passarella (2012 Chairperson) – Absent (work)
Richard Jacoby - Present
Charles McAleer - Present
Brenda McDermott - Present
Rhonda Midili - Present
James Foley (Alternate) - Absent

Also in attendance:

Debra L. Shaw-Blemings (Township Deputy Clerk) – Present

Appointments:

A motion was made by Rich Jacoby, 2nd by Rhonda Midili, to appoint Roxanne Passarella as EDC Chairperson for Year 2013, all members were in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Rhonda Midili, 2nd by Brenda McDermott, to appoint Rich Jacoby as EDC Vice Chairperson for Year 2013, all members were in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Rich Jacoby, 2nd by Chick McAleer, to appoint Brenda McDermott as EDC Secretary for Year 2013, all members were in favor, motion carried.

Vice Chairperson, Rich Jacoby assumed control of the meeting.

Minutes:

Minutes of December 10, 2012 presented must be held for presentation at next meeting by members present at such meeting.

Old Business:

A response has been received from the NJEDA and the appeal worked. They reversed their decision on the terms of the funding, it is now considered GRANT status and funding will be forthcoming. The loan agreement and note will be modified to state that the funding is a GRANT provided the Haines Boulevard Redevelopment Area is not developed within the next five years. They will maintain their lien held on the Township property as security. Should the area be developed the GRANT status would be revoked and a five year repayment plan would be instituted.

New Business:

1) Meeting Schedule for Year 2013

Members discussed changing back to one (1) meeting per month due to the stagnant activity with the real estate market at present makes it unnecessary to hold meetings twice a month. A motion was made by Rich Jacoby, 2nd by Rhonda Midili, to schedule the EDC meetings for the 2nd Monday of each month with the exception of October on the 4th Monday and November on the 3rd Monday, all members were in favor, motion carried

Communication: None submitted

Open to the Public: No comments

Committee comments and questions:

Mr. Koons inquired on contractors or developers showing any interest in the Haines Boulevard area.
Ms. McDermott commented on the lack of Welcome to Waterford signs, small business' signage and inquired on the limitations on signage in the Township Ordinance.
Ms. Merlino was present in the gallery and offered clarification of the sign Ordinance including the reasoning for the limitations on signage.
Members discussed contacting representatives from Bass Pro Shops; Cabella and the Developer of Somerdale Lions Head/Walmart Plaza to inquire on interest or sharing of expertise to utilize here.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ms. Midili, 2nd by Mr. McAleer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25PM, all members were in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Debra L. Shaw-Blemings
Deputy Township Clerk