

## **Minutes from August 15, 2016 Economic Development Committee**

The August 15, 2016 Economic Development Committee Meeting was held at the Berkeley Township Municipal Building located at 630 Pinewald-Keswick Road, Bayville, New Jersey and called to order by Chairman, Vito Esposito at 7:00 p.m. followed by the salute to the flag. Secretary called the roll call.

Present were Chairman Vito Esposito, George Dohn, Sam Cammarato, Corey Szatkiewicz, John MacMoyle, and John Bacchione, Council Liaison and Recording Secretary Rosalee Di Pietro.

Absent: Vice-Chairwoman, Debra Fleming, and Jason Mrocza.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: July 25, 2016**

Motion by Mr. Szatkiewicz, seconded by Mr. MacMoyle and carried to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2016 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Chairman announced that he has not heard back from Lee Gashlin or William McGrath regarding Main Street.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS AND OLD BUSINESS:**

Chairman Esposito announced that Mr. Dohn has been working on the Brunswick bowling Corporation. Chairman asked if there was anything the commission can do to help in this matter. Mr. Dohn will keep us informed. He stated that the last correspondence he has from Brunswick is an email from June 28<sup>th</sup>. He called them twice today and stated that they may be on vacation and is waiting for them to get back to him. A discussion ensued.

A discussion ensued regarding the town center. Mr. Dohn asked if any member present has seen any plans for the town center. Mr. Bacchione stated about the footprint that he had seen. They had a meeting a few weeks ago at the County with the Ocean County Engineer's. The key is the Western Boulevard extension. Western Boulevard is a County road. The plaza will not work without the Western Boulevard extension. We are waiting on the County to make a decision to extend Western Boulevard. There is also a question of money. There may be some grant money available. There is nothing definite at this time. A discussion ensued regarding four (4) different plans. Chairman Esposito wanted to walk the area with some members to get some ideas to see what we are talking about. Mr. Dohn stated you are not going to see it by walking and you will need an aerial view. Mr. Bacchione stated it is forty two (42) acres. A discussion ensued regarding box and specialty stores.

Mr. Bacchione announced he attended a Pinelands meeting along with Ernie Peters from our Township Engineer's Office regarding Double Trouble Road. A discussion ensued regarding Double Trouble Road.

Mr. Cammarato asked if we could build behind our Public Works facility. Mr. Dohn stated that the dump located there has to be capped and ventilated. A discussion ensued. Mr. Cammarato would like to see outlet stores or a sporting goods store along Double Trouble Road. He would like to see perks or incentives given to businesses in our town. Mr. Bacchione further explained incentives. Mr. Dohn stated one of the problems of building in the pinelands is there are no sewers and no water. A discussion ensued regard pilot money and offsetting tax dollars. Mr. Cammarato stated that it seems we are kind of limited in our scope what this committee can do and maybe we can expand. Mr. Dohn wants to find out from our Attorney and Jim Oris, Township Planner what is our exact scope. Mr. Bacchione stated after we find out what our scope is he will take it to the proper department. Mr. MacMoyle will get an approximate construction cost. Chairman Esposito stated we need to look into having some entertainment in our area for the economy. Chairman Esposito feels we should bring in more business into our area in order to create jobs. A discussion ensued. Mr. Cammarato spoke about Lakewood receiving a grant for street lights.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. MacMoyle asked if there was anything we can do regarding the old United Hardware Store on Route 9. It is closed. Mr. Dohn stated that it is being knocked down.

Open meeting to the public: None.

Upcoming Meeting: Monday, September 19, 2016. Time: 7:00 pm.  
Gail Hickey will be recording the minutes at this meeting, since Mrs. Di Pietro will be out of the country.

Motion by Mr. Dohn, seconded by Mr. Szatkiewicz and carried the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rosalee Di Pietro, Recording Secretary



