



Economic Development Committee
Thursday, August 6, 2020 - 10:00 AM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Present - Cheryl Robertson, Carol Van Deest, Chip Dutcher

Absent - None

Staff present - Jim Lenner - Village Manager, Bailey Klimchak - Village Planner, Jack Liggett - Assistant Village Manager, Benjamin Lee - Village Council, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

Public present - None

2. Action on Minutes

ACTION: Chip Dutcher moved to Approve minutes of June 4, 2020 and July 9, 2020 en bloc; Carol Van Deest seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: Cheryl Robertson, Carol Van Deest, Chip Dutcher

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 3 - 0

a. June 4, 2020

b. July 9, 2020 Special meeting

3. Johnstown Entrepreneurial Center / Incubator space (Bailey)

Village Planner Bailey Klimchak discussed the rules for setting up an incubator space. Ms. Klimchak said it has come to their attention that they are not able to use Economic Development Assistance (EDA) funds if any private entity is involved in the incubator space so if as previously discussed, Matt Lyons were to be the owner and run the incubator space, we could not use EDA funds to contribute to that space. EDA funds could be used if the person to run the incubator space is part of a university, a non-profit or another government entity. Ms. Klimchak said she has put the feasibility study and grant application on hold in order to have a discussion on how to proceed. Discussion continued on financial requirements, ability to fund and some opportunities to explore; action items listed contacts for Investigation of incubator set up. More information will need to be gathered before able to proceed.

4. Member Comments

1. Jim Lenner provided an update on Project Mastodon; with COVID, there is not as much money, village initially was to come up with twenty percent but may need to be more.
2. Bailey Klimchak provided details on receiving \$30,000 from the Operation Roundup grant for the shelter house at the trail head, there was discussion on where to get the remaining \$9,000; possible grant application to the Babcock Foundation. Committee decision to move forward with completion of the shelter house this year, Bailey to take financial plan to the next Finance Committee in two weeks.
3. Update on US62 turn lane project on schedule for opening September 4, 2020

5. Adjourn

No further business of the committee; meeting ended at 10:49 a.m.