



Economic Development Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 4, 2020 - 10:00 AM
AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Action on Minutes
 - a. April 14, 2020
3. Johnstown Entrepreneurial Center Introduction (Jim L)
 - a. Matt Lyons, COO & Co-Founder of iVueit
4. EDA Cares Act Grant Application discussion (Bailey)
5. Website Update (Bailey)
6. Member Comments
7. Adjourn

Johnstown Council
Economic Development Committee
Minutes of the meeting April 14, 2020 12:30 pm
(Virtual)

Meeting called to order at 12:36 pm with the following committee members present: Chairman Robertson, Dutcher, Van Deest,

Staff present: Jim Lenner, Jack Liggett, Bailey Klimchak, Marvin Block, Ben Lee, Teresa Monroe

Public present: None

Action on minutes: Mayor Dutcher moved to approve the March 5, 2020 meeting minutes and Ms. Van Deest seconded; minutes approved 3-0.

Covid-19 update: Jim Lenner put together a survey for businesses, asking what assistance is needed, only nine responses so far. Question to committee on doing anything larger in concert with GROW Licking County or the chamber or let those entities take the reigns. Jim recommendation and Board consensus due to limited staffing is to maintain what the village is doing and help businesses where possible, pointing them in the right directions; no formalization of a final economic recovery plan.

Project updates given

- 1) TIF: No movement but still a priority.
- 2) CRA: No movement but still a priority.
- 3) New Day: Went to pumped wastewater system in January, contract required a minimum amount pumped monthly and they are exceeding that; at the minimum the village would collect approximately \$176,000 for a twelve month period; at their current rate the village would collect \$306,000. Through the first quarter we are forty four percent. The water line project still in early phases; have a schedule that proposes an open date of March 1st, 2021 to meet contractual incentive for getting online.
- 4) Enterprise Center Infrastructure: Finalizing easements to be recorded; project moving forward.
- 5) Updates given on manufacturing business within the village that are still in operation despite Covid-19
- 6) Project Mastodon: No updates at this time
- 7) Project Croissant: No updates at this time
- 8) Project Gibraltar: Working with company on policy issues at the state and Federal level as they are not included under the CARES Act; nothing committed at this time.
- 9) Project Millie: No movement at this time.
- 10) Utility Corridor update: Everything is in motion, have clearance to begin boring the area for new water tower, executed design contracts, engineer beginning aerial surveying.

Strategy for Achievement of 2020 Goals: Not much movement with limitations of Covid-19; Ms. Robertson said one thing that could be worked on now is village marketing and branding, updating the village website. Mr. Lenner has been reviewing proposals given for a new village website; concern is time-frame and cost so he has begun creating a new website using WordPress

and is working to consolidate information and making more user friendly; there was discussion on design which is ongoing. There was discussion on exploring a program called CivicClerk which could link and further help to consolidate council and committee agendas, meeting minutes etc.

Member Comments:

1. Discussion on updating water and sewer tap and capacity fees. In 2015 fees were increased but not to the full extent that the engineers recommended because it would have been such a large jump in price. Jack Ligget's recommendation is to consider bringing the fees up to the 2015 recommendation; there was discussion on how to phase developments under current construction. Committee concern was that those costs were given in 2015 and were they enough; Jack said they cannot be raised arbitrarily, there would need to be a new engineer study, depending on cost, funds could be used out of water and sewer to pay for the study. Committee direction is that this is the right time for the five year review and to get pricing from village engineer on what the study will cost.

Adjourn: Mayor Dutcher moved to adjourn, Ms. Van Deest seconded; motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 1:26 pm.