



Webster Economic Development Alliance

Meeting Minutes from February 2, 2017

PRESENT:

Matt Chatfield, Ron Nesbitt, Darryl Byerts, Barry Howard, Robyn Whittaker, Carmen Gumina, Ann Kowal, Greg Chambery, Chris Passero

Meeting was called to order at 7:34am by President Ron Nesbitt

Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes from January's meeting from Barry Howard second by Ron Nesbitt

Financial Report:

Financial report tabled until March as Pat Murray has handed over the books to Barry Howard and Barry will reconstruct 2016-2017. Barry began the effort to change the signing of checks over to him and the Directors have also been changed at M&T bank to reflect the new board members and positions. Bank account has just shy of \$56,000 and checks for chilled water project for \$28,350 yet to be issued to Obrien and Gere and Matt Chatfield's expense report is still out. Question brought up as to closing the ABC account since it is no longer needed.

Barry Howard suggested Matt have a debit card for expenses and that his expenses will be reimbursed through payroll from now on. Carmen Gumina motioned to approve the debit card/payroll reimbursement and Ron Nesbitt second the motion. Motion passed.

Barry Howard motioned to close the extra account and move money to operational account and it was second by Ron Nesbitt. Motion passed.

2017 Budget Discussion:

Preliminary Budget for 2017 presented and it was status quo from the year before but due to invoicing the School District late in December the amount shown is \$45,000 but it will be real dollars for 2017 is \$30,000. The monies for the Chilled Water Project will be awarded to WEDA and then check will go out for the same amount. The invoice amount is greater due to invoicing with NYSERDA. Revenue from grants with RG&E and such for the redevelopment of the West Campus at Xerox will set aside \$10,000 for operations. Approximately \$70,000 in funding is currently available for master plan development at the Xerox property.

Barry Howard questioned whether or not the grant was project specific and would we lose it if Xerox tears down the buildings and Matt Chatfield said it was not. The money can be used to decide what is best for the community at that location.

Motion to approve preliminary budget by Robyn Whittaker and second by Carmen Gumina. Motion passed.

Staff Activity Summary:

Matt Chatfield's activity report noted Kal Manufacturing looking for greater space, Waffle Factory also looking to expand into the backyard for his location. Meeting with Jeff Adair with COMIDA had new activities and ideas for Webster and Calvary Robotics looking to create incubator space inside their facility to house start-ups in technology.

North Avenue project had driveway issues in their design project that they are working out before moving ahead with the project. Rails to Trails Conservancy grant application was submitted on behalf of the Friends of Webster Trails to support Hojack Trail system.

By Laws Discussion:

Change in By-Laws suggested by Barry Howard included removing the committee section as he stated we can create a committee at any time. Clarification of voting directors so other directors are released from responsibility in public documents.

Round Table:

Chamber to create a document with the new labor laws so members can write their representatives in regards to changes.

Darrell Byerts talked Village news with the bid to go out for cell towers and they had also started their budget planning. Village Bakery is slated to open May 1st, 70 unit townhouses to be built on Phillips Rd and the Village is looking into solar panels for all its buildings.

Robyn Whittaker stated the BID is gearing up for their season and will tweak the wine walks to add new fresh ideas.

Carmen Gumina said the school district has also begun the budget process and that the Capital Project was passed last year will be out to bid soon. Work will not start on those projects until 2018 May/June ground breaking.

Ron Nesbitt mentioned he had seen the drawing for the intersection project from the State for this year and they are doing more intersection that he originally thought. A



public meeting will be held to discuss the debacle with Union Hill as to ambulance service. Much of their funding from NEJFD has been pulled and they are looking to receive 86% of the calls in Webster. They currently have no contract with Webster and with the addition of the new Webster Ambulance calls will be decided by 911.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34am

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 2nd 2017 – 7:30 A.M. / Webster Chamber of Commerce.

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Whittaker

Secretary, WEDA
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