

MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING HELD JANUARY 10, 2005

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE: Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, adequate notice as defined in Section 3D of Chapter 231 P.L. 1975 has been made to the New Jersey Herald and is posted on the Bulletin Board at the Hardyston Township Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL:

Michael Aratingi – Present
Stanley Kula – Present
Donna Holden – Present
Nick Elyash – Present
Carl Miller – Present

OTHERS PRESENT: Anne-Marie Wilhelm, Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the Minutes of the December 13, 2004, Meeting of the Hardyston Township Economic Development Commission with a correction was made by Michael Aratingi and seconded by Stanley Kula. Roll Call: Michael Aratingi – yes, Stanley Kula – yes, Donna Holden – yes, Nick Elyash – yes, Carl Miller – yes. The motion carried. The correction noted that the members completed the work on inserting the necessary coordinates to the map draft.

OLD BUSINESS:

Business Map Brochure – Carl Miller stated he would reach out to Jim Kilduff, Franklin Borough Planning and Community Development Director, to coordinate the completion of the map project. Donna Holden stated that she would call the company to acquire information concerning the status of the map's development.

Business Breakfast Survey Review – Michael Aratingi reported that a review of the surveys disclosed that the respondents are interested in all categories and services noted. Commission members stated that a copy of the survey responses should be forwarded to the Sussex County Chamber of Commerce.

NEW BUSINESS:

2005 Goals and Objectives – Carl Miller stated that he would like the commission to remain active. The goals and objectives noted are as follows:

- update and maintain a current business listing in a centralized data base;
- draft a news release for the community business map;
- prepare a presentation of the community business map for the Township Council;
- draft a letter to the Township Council supporting the importance of a current Township website;
- visit and welcome new Township business owners;
- design and maintain an EDC newsletter;
- investigate options for a website link or page on Hardyston.com; and
- review “Welcome to Hardyston” signs project and design landscaping for the sign locations.

Commission members reviewed a Certificate of Appreciation to be awarded to James C. Kilduff, former Hardyston Township Planning and Community Development Director. Members signed the document and it was agreed that a formal presentation would be made at the joint meeting.

BILLS: There were no bills to review.

CORRESPONDENCE: Commission members reviewed correspondence concerning Sussex County Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee action.

DISCUSSION: Commission members discussed the role of the EDC. It was noted that the Master Plan, EDC business cards, Township brochures, and copies of the budget would be provided to members at the next meeting. Commission members agreed to maintain a working relationship with the Borough of Franklin.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There were no public participants.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Donna Holden and seconded by Nick Elyash. All were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Anne-Marie Wilhelm
Commission Secretary