

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

JANUARY 9, 2018

Chairman, Jon Miller, called the Tuckerton Economic Development Committee Meeting to order on Tuesday, JANUARY 9, 2018 at 7:10 pm at the Borough Hall.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT:

Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act have been complied with as notice was published to the Beacon and the Asbury Park Press stating the time, date and place of this meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

The following members were in attendance:
Jon Miller, Tim Hart, Nedeane Maddox, Rob Perotti

Jon Miller led the salute to the flag.

MINUTES:

Nedeane Maddox moved, seconded by Rob Perotti that the December 5, 2017, meeting minutes be approved. It was so moved by a unanimous consent of the Economic Development Committee at 7:15 PM.

RECORDING OF HOURS:

LOGGED HOURS: To be posted on the FY2017 for the month of DECEMBER 2017 are as follows: Economic Development Committee recognizes their members' donation of time and knowledge for studies and research along with attendance of monthly meetings and available workshops /seminars.

Tim Hart	3.0	Nedean Maddox	10 .0
Jon Miller	10.0	Rob Perotti	8.0

REORGANIZATION:

Tim Hart made a motion to nominate Jon Miller to continue as Chairman for the EDC for the year 2018, this motion was seconded by Nedean Maddox. All in Favor. aye. Motion Carried.

Tim Hart made a motion to nominate Nedean Maddox to continue as Vice Chairperson for the EDC for the year 2018, this motion was seconded by Rob Perotti. All In Favor. Aye. Motion Carried.

CHAIRMANS FORUM:

Jon Miller has submitted a voucher in the amount of \$1,000 to be paid to the Seaport as per the water-taxi service. Councilman, Peterson will follow up on the payment of funds.

Jon Miller, Nedean Maddox and Rob Perotti attended the presentation by Dr. Tyrell of Stockton University on the results of the survey in LBI. Beach Haven presented their own statistician with a breakdown of results regarding the water-ferry service. They would be more favorable toward weekday service, as Tuckerton would be well served by weekends. Jon suggested a four day service, Thursday through Sunday,

Beach Haven has numerous empty store fronts, their premier barrier being cost of high living expenses. Their primary needs are housing for staff of their seasonal jobs which

are not affordable; they are considering rezoning of Long Beach Boulevard for low income family designation, Nedean Maddox informed. Nedean explained the majority of renters on the island do not want to leave during their two week (average time length) vacation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman, Jon Miller informed members that Councilman, Ron Peterson continues to support our endeavors for the budget request as per the water-ferry. Councilman Peterson related it is currently being worked out by borough council and should be resolved the beginning of 2018.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rob Perotti discussed the redevelopment zone of the town of Collingswood. The Mayor had designated parts of this town to streamline the process which has proved to be favorable for promoting concerts, parking, and growth. He suggested Tuckerton review their process and consider copying to help improve their business district.

Nedean Maddox discussed a mixed open area for restaurants and shops.

Tim Hart informed that the Jacques Cousteau Center has interest in Eco-Tours, they are very popular and they already have key personnel. This would tie into our Water-Ferry Service. Our main obstacle currently is finding a 30 passenger vessel. The county may purchase a vessel through grants, capital through the government with the Seaport paying for gas and a captain; this would be a mix of private organization and government funding.

Rob Perotti expressed he has spoken with contacts for leads of purchasing a vessel and also financing options such as Pre-Certified and Bank Owned crafts,

MEMBERS FORUM:

Tim Hart expressed looking for a 6 passenger Pontoon boat for Eco-Tours and had spoke with some dealers.

Councilman Ron Peterson suggested offering Boating Safety Courses while on the ferry ride and fishing expeditions.

Nedean stated "walk-ability" scales should be taken into consideration with this water-ferry service.

Rob Perotti stated discussions of what paths should be taken to promote new business is priority to our local commerce. Rob inquired about our "Master Plan". Tim Hart stated our former Mayor, Liz Moritz is very well versed on this subject and EDC may want to invite her to a meeting in the near future to discuss this plan.

Jon Miller stated the Tuckerton's Sign Ordinance is very restricting, and the regulations deter new businesses.

Public:

Councilman, Ron Peterson was in attendance at our meeting tonight.

INVOICE:

Nedean Maddox moved, seconded by Tim Hart that the invoice in the amount of \$75 for secretarial services for the month of JANUARY 2018 be paid to Secretary, Susan Maguire. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Economic Development Committee.

ADJOURNMENT:

Tim Hart moved, seconded by Rob Perotti, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved at 8:55 PM.

All voted Aye.
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Susan Maguire, Secretary
Economic Development Committee

