

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**MARCH 6, 2018**

Vice Chairperson, Nedeane Maddox, called the Tuckerton Economic Development Committee Meeting to order on Tuesday, MARCH 6, 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:

Nedeane Maddox, Tim Hart, Rob Perotti

Jon Miller is absent this evening.

Nedeane Maddox led the salute to the flag.

## **MINUTES:**

Tim Hart moved, seconded by Rob Perotti that the FEBRUARY 6, 2018, 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 FY2018 for the month of FEB 2018 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	4.0	Nedean Maddox	10 .0
Jon Miller		Rob Perotti	13.0

## **CHAIRMAN'S FORUM:**

Members inquired of Tuckerton Land Use Board meetings. They are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month. Rob Perotti discussed the urgency to attend on behalf of the EDC. Attaining information on the Master Plan would be helpful to our advisory board for setting our goals.

Nedean informed that the (Environmental Commission), TEC wants to be informed in a timely manner of proposed applications to the LUB (Land Use Board) before they are approved and finished so that TEC may have input on the environmental concerns.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

tim hart inquired if there is any progress on the closed chinese buffet restaurant on the corner of Main and South Green Street. Nedean informed she had heard it was going to be a medical facility. rob Perotti stated that it would be a positive move as it would replace an empty business located in the center of town.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Nedean announced a “webinar” scheduled to be held on 3/09/ 2018. There are quite a few speakers, with topics such as retail solutions and flooding concerns. This is sponsored through NJ Futures.

Tim Hart reported that the grant application for the Water-Ferry project has been submitted by the Seaport. Our biggest challenge still seems to be the vessel. There have been several leads, however, they are not finding the right fit. One with a 25 passenger capacity would be ideal, so the boat may be used the other five days for “Eco-Tours” and other trips down the creek when not in use as the ‘ferry’. Tim suggested purchasing or renting a good quality USED boat.

Rob Perotti asked Tim Hart if some of the many volunteers at the Seaport are licensed as “Captains”. Tim reported they have over 500 volunteers and they do hire people to run the waste management boat. They may be available to do the Eco-Tours.

Tim Hart stated a 15 passenger bus would be useful to able spread parking out over the town and stipulate several pick up and drop off locations.

Nedean had attended the County meeting on the water-ferry topic; it was discussed attaining two boats eventually.

## **MEMBERS FORUM:**

Nedean Maddox announced that a financial group will be joining her real estate office who have interest in possible sponsorship for the ferry. They will be working with the Chamber also and have stated creative, commercial loans may be available. They are a nationwide firm and have spoken with Lori at the Chamber of Commerce about possible investments and sponsorships.

Tim Hart inquired of the retirement party for the Emporium owners, John and Rosemary Krumple.

Rob Perotti attended and informed that this was a nice party. He stated it was well attended. The Krumples were very pleased. Rob stated Joanne McAndrew, Pride and Celebrations Committee Chairperson, created a beautiful plaque for the presentation.

The title to this business changed hands on March 1, 2018. The new owners intentions are to re-dress the property, clean up the facade and give it a historical look.

Rob informed members that the WAWA had made a greater offer to the Krumples, but it was refused, he commented, a noble gesture.

## **Public:**

none

## **INVOICE:**

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

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Rob Peroti moved, seconded by Tim Hart, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved at 8: 30 PM.

All voted Aye.  
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Susan Maguire, Secretary  
Economic Development Committee