

Village of Jonesville
Local Development Finance Authority
Minutes of April 16, 2014

Present: Rick Schaerer, Chellie Broesamle, Andy Welden, Steve Harding, Robert Snow, Gary Kies, Manager Gray, and Assistant to the Manager McLean.

Absent: Jim Parker and Pete Bertolini

Also Present: Susan Smith, EDP Executive Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 a.m.

A motion was made by Chellie Broesamle and supported by Andy Welden to approve the agenda. All in favor. Absent: Jim Parker and Pete Bertolini. Motion carried.

Chellie Broesamle made a motion to approve the LDFA minutes of February 19, 2014. Gary Kies seconded that motion. All in favor. Absent: Jim Parker and Pete Bertolini. Motion carried.

Manager Gray spoke to the board regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Budget, going over proposed revenues and expenditures, and anticipated fund balance. He explained that the Industrial Park roads will be milled and paved, and that the LDFA will contribute a proportionate share to the Rail/Trail project. He explained other priorities as follows:

- Industrial Park Expansion - \$10,000 reserve budgeted
- Professional Services to market available property - \$3,000 budgeted
- Special Projects to encourage development - \$10,000 reserve budgeted

Robert Snow made a motion to pass the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget as presented. Andy Welden supported. All in favor. Absent: Jim Parker and Pete Bertolini. Motion carried.

Andy Welden made a motion to support approval of a PA198 Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption requested by Jonesville Tool & Manufacturing. The application includes the investment of over \$811,000 in new equipment and the creation of 3 new jobs. Chellie Broesamle seconded. All in favor. Absent: Jim Parker and Pete Bertolini. Motion carried.

Manager Gray updated the board regarding the cityhood process. The City Charter and the election of a Mayor and Council will be on the August 5, 2014 ballot.

Sue Smith, Executive Director of the Hillsdale County Economic Development Partnership, gave updates from the EDP regarding continued efforts to assist in the recruitment of qualified employees for area manufacturers. They have arranged for a speaker to present to students at the Lenawee Vocational Technical Center. They have also planned for a presentation to 7th through 12th grade students at Will Carleton Academy on April 22nd. Congressman Walberg is also hosting a Job Fair in Jackson on April 16, 2014.

She talked about a Manufacturer's Meeting that is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. through 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29, 2014, in the Jonesville Police Department conference room. They will discuss employee recruitment, retention, and training. She also shared information regarding future training sessions planned.

She discussed the elimination of personal property tax, and shared materials and ballot language regarding that. The personal property tax elimination proposal will be on the August 5, 2014 ballot. She also shared a sample Non-Disrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy. She stated that they are also still working with the Manor to find suitable uses.

Manager Gray commented on the vacant LDFA position, stating that the new President of Alphi Manufacturing is a possibility once he gets settled in Jonesville.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Submitted by,

Lenore M. Spahr
Deputy Clerk