

WESTCHESTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
EDC MEETING MINUTES- December 18, 2023

1. Call to Order- 7:37 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Present: Darlene Barber, Pastor Joe Mills, Jeannie Helgesen, Village Representative Director of Community Development Jim Novosel, Trustee (no one in attendance)

4. Village Updates from New Community Development Director-Jim Novosel discussion held, which included, the Jungle Plate Restaurant had a successful Grand Opening on December 2nd; also, the Economic Development Committee Consultant Cindy Kliema is currently conducting interviews within the village/ with committee members; also, the new business Aviator Coffee located at 9916 S. Mannheim, opening is still underway, no date has been established.

5. Active Agenda-

A. Motion to approve meeting minutes of October 9, 2023, Jeannie Helgesen, second Darlene Barber, all in favor; minutes approved.

6. Old Business

A. Discussions held on which businesses to consider highlighting for the monthly village newsletter March of 2024.

B. Discussions held on next Education Event; Pastor Joe Mills will speak with Allison Muzal about Presenting and regarding topic related to Tax issues on the next educational event;

C. District Liaisons discussed status of the 7 Districts, Darlene Barber shared some concerns raised about blighted areas specifically in the Addison Creek District. Jeannie Helgesen mentioned the issue of a homeless man causing concerns of safety in the Prairie District.

D. Steps to list actual owners of all the physical businesses in our different districts. (Item Deferred)

E. Report on growing the EDC and discussing Term Limits. (Item Deferred)

F. EDC Business Cards- Jim Novosel will look into obtaining more.

6. Opening Public Participation: Village resident Mrs. Lean Pettis was in attendance and offered suggestions on business she would like to see highlighted in the Monthly Village Newsletter.

8. New Business- Darlene Barber mentioned the EDC consider hosting a job fair for future events.

9. Motion to adjourn Jeannie Helgesen, second Darlene Barber, all in favor; meeting adjourned at 8:36 am, all in favor.