

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – February 11, 2013

In accordance with Chapter 231, Public Law, 1975, *Open Public Meeting Act*, notice of time, date and place for this meeting was sent to the Record Breeze and the Courier Post, and is posted in the Municipal Building.

Meeting was called to order by Rich Jacoby at 7:37PM.

Salute to the flag.

Roll Call:

Robert Koons (Committeeman) - Present
Roxanne Passarella (Chairperson) - Absent
Richard Jacoby (Vice Chairperson) - Present
Brenda McDermott (Secretary) - Present
Charles McAleer - Absent
Rhonda Midili – Present (Arrived 8:10PM)
James Foley (Alternate) - Present

Also in attendance:

Debra L. Shaw-Blemings (Township Deputy Clerk) - Present

Minutes:

December 10, 2012

Minutes of December 10, 2012 presented must be held for presentation at next meeting by members present at such meeting.

January 14, 2013

A motion was made by Robert Koons, 2nd by Brenda McDermott, to approve the Regular EDC Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2013 as submitted, all members in favor, with James Foley abstaining, motion carried.

Old Business:

As follow-up to previous discussions on approaching Bass Pro Shops for any interest in the Haines Boulevard Redevelopment Area it was confirmed they have committed to developing in Atlantic City.

New Business: (none presented)

Communication: (none presented)

Open to the Public:

Andy Wade, Jackson Road commented on his recent interactions with the Zoning/Construction Official as not being “Business Friendly” requiring high fees for site plan, engineering cost, etc. but no offers of tax abatement or anything else. He suggested the Township contact other towns to follow their practices as an example. He also noted his pending zoning appeal being heard by the Planning Board on February 19, 2013. He offered his assistance to the EDC with furthering any redevelopment projects.

Committee comments and questions:

Mr. Foley stated that for over 10 years efforts have been made to redevelop the Haines Boulevard area with no accomplishments. The Township's focus needs to remain on investment and growth. He noted the Township should always question the high fees charged by the Professionals.

Mr. Jacoby suggested a round table meeting be scheduled with surrounding municipalities to brainstorm on the subject of "Business Friendly" development in our towns. He also stated he would contact the Zoning Official on the subject of a "Welcome Kit" to new businesses.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by James Foley, 2nd by Robert Koons, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM, all members were in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Debra L. Shaw-Blemings
Deputy Township Clerk