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Village of Hampshire
Business Development Commission
Wednesday April 9, 2025 – 6:30 PM
Hampshire Village Hall
234 S State St. Hampshire, IL 60140

MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Business Development Commission of Hampshire was called to order by Commissioner Pizzolato in person on April 9th, 2025.

1. Call to order at 6:48 pm

In-person: Commissioners Karen Trzaska, David Pizzolato, Bill Swalwell, Trustee Aaron Kelly, and Assistant Village Manager for Development Mo Kahn.

Absent: Commissioners Liz Martin and Jill Van Reit

Roll call confirmed - (quorum established)

2. Public Comments:

- None

3. Meeting Minutes Approval from January 8th, 2025:

- Commissioner Trzaska moved to make a motion to table the approval of the meeting minutes from January 8th, 2025.
 - Second by Commissioner Swalwell
 - Motion carried by voice vote:
 - Ayes: Trzaska, Kelly, Swalwell and Pizzolato
 - Nays: None
 - Absent: Martin, Van Reit

4. Economic Development Strategy

- Assistant Village Manager for Development Kahn presented a status update to economic strategies the BDC had posed to the Village Board of what was important to focus on for business growth. After discussion, Assistant Village Manager for Development Kahn will compile an assessment of the current plan compared to the recently published Kane County Economic Development Strategic Plan, as well as prepare a SWOT analysis for the Route 72 commercial corridor. This will be discussed at the next BDC meeting to identify opportunities for the BDC/Village to pursue.

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5. Beautification Committee Report

Commissioner Swalwell provided the following updates to the façade application:

A. Updates on approved façade applications:

- Commissioner Swalwell reported the following:
 - Neon Cow – 142 S. State St. work is complete and reimbursement has been issued.
 - Style on State's (153 S. State St) project is in nearing completion and will complete the work as soon as possible.
 - Multiple businesses - 124-172 S. State St. - The four businesses are looking to replace the historic finials that once adorned the tops of the building when they were initially built. The BDC feels that this is a project to restore the history to State St. and is a great example of business owners working together.
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B. Fiscal Year 2025 Façade Grant Application:

- Commissioner Swalwell moved to make a motion to recommend a facade grant approval in the amount of \$3,907.50 to the multiple businesses 124-172 S. State St. for the replacement of facade finials.
 - Second by Trustee Kelly
 - Motion carried by voice vote:
 - Ayes: Trzaska, Kelly, Swalwell and Pizzolato
 - Nays: None
 - Absent: Martin, Van Reit
- Motion passed and will move on to the Village Board

6. Update on New or Existing Businesses in the Village

- American General Storage celebrated their ribbon cutting ceremony on April 9th

7. New Business

- Trustee Kelly reaped the town meeting of Hampshire that took place on April 8th.

8. Adjournment

- Trustee Kelly moved to make a motion to adjourn at 8:07 pm.
 - Second by Commissioner Swalwell
 - Motion carried by voice vote:
 - Ayes: Trzaska, Kelly, Swalwell and Pizzolato
 - Nays: None
 - Absent: Martin, Van Reit

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