



Sheridan Economic Development Advisory Council (Ad Hoc)
Monday – February 20, 2017 – 7:00 pm
Sheridan Public Library – Community Room

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Community Room of the Sheridan Public Library.

Roll was called. Members present were Vice President Brenda Bush and Secretary Steve Martin. President Marty Samuels was absent. Others present were Rex Dillinger, Corey Dale, Gloria Del Greco, Ron Stone, Greg Stinger, David Kinked, Mark Heirbrandt and Wilma Bush.

1. David Kinked reports that the town will sell the water utility. The issue will go before the Utilities Board for approval and the anticipated closing on the sale is probably 6 to 8 months away.
2. David also reported that the town has received an OCRA grant in the amount of \$500,000 to address the drainage issues on the east side of town. We are looking at a 3rd quarter start date. This will be a joint operation with the county.
3. David also reported that the town is working with INDOT to accomplish some much needed street repairs and re-paving here in town. There will be \$800,000 to accomplish this and it needs to be completed by June 30th.
4. The industrial zoning ordinances are being updated.
5. Our current TIF district will be expanded. All the tax revues will be taken by the town.
6. The industrial park has received a few inquiries but so far no commitments.
7. Parvin Gillim has been asked to design a new sign for the entryway into the town off of SR 38. The old one rotted away a couple of years ago so we need a new one.
8. County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt reports that the county is busy working on an upgrade of 236th Street starting at near Six Points Road and extending east to US 31. He said the 236th Street/US 31 interchange is a high priority item for INDOT. He also told the group that INDOT will begin preliminary (i.e., surveying) work at 276th Street/US 31 which is destined to be a major ingress/egress location for Beck's Hybrids, Reynolds John Deere and eventually the regional Armory to be located on the southeast portion of that intersection.

9. Cory Daly gave a brief update regarding the implementation of the Sheridan Comprehensive Plan. Five years ago we created a vision for this community and now we need a strategy to implement it. One of the major stumbling blocks seems to be the lack of an understanding and working relationship between the town and the township.
10. Parvin Gillim reported that we need to support the school's initiative regarding solar power. The state legislature is preparing to remove all incentives for solar power users and that could hurt our school corporation's bottom line because the implementation of our new solar panel field will be quite a savings for the corporation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Stephen H. Martin
Secretary