



## **Economic Development Meeting Minutes Monday August 12, 2013**

Meeting called to order at 7:35 a.m. by Chairperson Pastor Joe Mills.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call** - Darlene Barber, Ron Brown, Lorio Fergle, Bruce Horek **Village Chamber of Commerce Liaison**, Pastor Joe Mills, Allison Muzal, **Village Representatives- Director Community Development**-Melissa Headley

Members not in attendance: Kandice Jacobs, **Trustee** Frank Perry

### **Opening Public Participation and Comments- None.**

Minutes from July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting not available; Ron Brown will have for next meeting.

A correction noted to the spelling of the business name Superior One Electric, made by Pastor Joe Mills, amendments noted. Lorio Fergle motion to approve minutes from July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, Allison Muzal second, the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Updates from Village Management-** Melissa Headley report given. Also, another new business is opening in the village, Follet Headquarters.

**Updates from Village Chamber of Commerce-** September 26<sup>th</sup> the Lutheran Church near Wolf and Cermak will be hosting the Annual Business Expo. The Chamber of Commerce's Golf outing is scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup> at Fresh Meadows in Hillside Illinois.

### **Old Business**

**Status report on Business Retention Survey-** Further actions were discussed to consider going forward-

- Focus on retention of businesses threatening relocating.
- Consider reviewing process for permits, coding, zoning, and signage.
- Identify 3 key areas of focus to show business survey response to promote retention.

Note: Secretary Darlene Barber left meeting early at approximately 8:20 a.m., due to a family emergency.

August 27<sup>th</sup> – EDC is on agenda for Village Board Mtg. Why are we addressing the village?

**Other Discussions**

- Survey results & highlights
- -Signage
- Beautification, Ideas and Costs
- Signage RFP- Melissa is getting quotes
- Summit gathering – 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> possible dates?
- Covering taglines, business survey
- Beautification issues – shop local programs
- Beautification of village corridors
- Trees – phase 1
- Village staff has manpower and equipment to manage planters
- Planters could be phase 2
- Hotel/motel tax- EDC uses their allotment for signage imitative
- How can we help promote the Hampton?
- Shop local programs

**New business:** none

Adjournment – Ron Brown motioned, Lori-Jo Fergle 2nd the motion, meeting adjourned 9:00am.