

**Economic Development Meeting Minutes
Monday November 9, 2015**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:38 a.m. by Chairperson Pastor Joe Mills.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call - Darlene Barber, Donna Bast (remotely present), Lori-Jo A. Fergle, Bob Jankowski (absent), Pastor Joe Mills, Allison Muzal, **Village Representatives Trustee** Frank Perry, **Director Community Development** Melissa Headley

Note: Lori-Jo Fergle made a motion to allow Donna Bast to attend today's meeting via phone, second by Allison Muzal; all in favor.

4. Opening Public Participation and Comments- Guests presented-

Melissa Duff –Brown Director of the Illinois Small Business Development Center of Joseph Business School and Colleen Mazzuca of Triton Community College.

5. Approval of the following minutes-

Minutes of October 12th and October 26, 2015 EDC meetings deferred to meeting of November 23rd, 2015.

6. Updates from Village Management-

Melissa Headley's report was given, which included updating codes for disability access to public buildings & businesses.

7. Updates from Village Chamber of Commerce- No active report for Chamber. 1st Tuesday of December is the Chamber Christmas party.

8. Old Business (Discussion Only)

A. Request from Triton College & Joseph Business School about partnerships-

Colleen Mazzuca, Assistant Dean of Triton, discussed the continuing education at Triton College for training, internships, job fairs, grant opportunities and helping businesses find them. Melissa Duff- Brown confirmed Joseph Business School can also work with us and Triton to help with these opportunities for local business owners.

**B. Village Pride/Appearance- Clean Campaign updates/addressing Liability/
Business adopting sections of Westchester-**

Pride in 7 will be added to Chamber of Commerce agenda for assistance. Melissa will assist with a map with district labels for Chamber luncheon on the 17th. We need to continually present this campaign at every Chamber event going forward to make every local business aware of their and other districts and the locations.

C. Next Education Forum- set for 1-12-16. Asked the representatives from Triton College and Joseph's Business School if they have a speaker on the tax reform for 2016

D. Façade Grant Update- Nothing to report at this time, but there is some money left.

E. Soliciting new members for the EDC- Alison Muzal suggested Brian Doruff, past president of Chamber of commerce.

9. New Business – None.

Adjournment- A motion to adjourn made by Allison Muzal, second by Lori-Jo Fergle meeting adjourned 8:48 am.