

## **EDC 5-18-22 Meeting Minutes**

Deb Coulon opened the meeting at 6:00 pm. Deb Coulon, Jon Satkowiak, Al Chaney, Rich Castle, Duane Roddy, Misty DeGuzman and AQJ Welser, Tina Garvin and Kyle Yoder were present

Pledge of allegiance

Signed per diem sheet

Agenda was reviewed – Castle motioned to accept and Roddy seconded the motion which passed unanimously

Approval of minutes – Chaney motioned to accept and DeGuzman seconded, motion passed

Per Diem sheet reviewed and signed

Liaison's report

- 1) BOC has decided to spend some of the ARPA money on a new Sheriff Dept.
- 2) BOC is looking at how the remaining funds will be spent on necessary things
- 3) Federal funds for Erosion/Roads & Recreation may possibly be used for the stairs at the campground
- 4) Comins Township Planning Board working on zoning – make more friendly for industry
- 5) County is looking at asking the State of Michigan to open up certain State roads for ORV, especially by Fairview (our county has the most ORV trails)

Garvin asked about the availability of fund and possible grants for the downtown, trails, bike parks, etc. She has been researching

6:43 DeGuzman motioned to close EDC and open Brownsfield with Chaney seconding

Brownfield

- 1) There is drilling going on in Luzerne for water and soil samples

6:50 DeGuzman motioned to close Brownsfield with Chaney seconding

6:50 DeGuzman motioned to reopen EDC with Satkowiak seconding

Old Business

- 1) Revolving loan fund reviewed
- 2) Daily Grind started to pay on their loan

- 3) Shultz Trucking called indicating they wanting to start making payments
- 4) EDC has spent \$2132 in legal fees to date
- 5) Garvin stated that she has started a new statement and letter system

#### New Business

- 1) Small Town and Development, Castle suggested EDC should have someone attend the next Small Town and Development conference, that there are great opportunities to learn about grants, programs and other great information. Coulon stated that perhaps the townships should look at sending someone. Castle suggested looking at the Grow My Small Business grants. The last conference which Castle attended showed that Michigan is seeing some relocation to our state. Issues for new people coming to Michigan include childcare, broadband and housing (which is older on average). Castle also suggested that we check out the Workforce Housing Development Instruction Manual.
- 2) Project Ideas
  - A) Fairview Schools (w/Coors) has workshop camps – build Trades Exploration
  - B) Talked about looking at a county wide program or sponsor kids from both schools to do job shadowing for the trades industry (electricians, plumbers, Etc.). DeGuzman will reach out to Coors
  - C) Thinking about job fairs and mock interviews for kids
- 3) Garvin still working on USDAQ Grant – trying to get \$100K plus
- 4) Garvin has been looking at different ways to promote businesses on the Facebook page; business reminders; checking insurance coverage; tornado season, Etc.
- 5) Castle suggested possibly listing demographics on website for future potential business people to look at. Also possibly list business properties on website and Facebook like Ogema County does.
- 6) Possibly have an EDC sponsored after hours business meeting/event in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce. Maybe even two events, one for Mio and one for Fairview.

7:10 Castle motioned to close the meeting with Welser seconding it, motion passed and meeting closed.