

## Minutes

### Economic Development Commission

November 21, 2022

A meeting was held by the Economic Development Commission on November 21, 2022 at 7:00pm. Attended by Commission members Linda Morgan, Bob McNally, LeAnne Tennant, and Communications Specialist Ashley Bailey. Commissioner Michael Bailey and Ryan Csajko attended via telephone and 3 members from the public were present.

1. Approval of minutes from October 17, 2022
  - Bob McNally approved, Ryan Csajko seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
2. Ribbon cuttings
  - Completed Louie's, Abloom, and Corn Crib and Boutique
  - Ashley Bailey suggested to reach out to Bombshell since she moved locations
  - Linda Morgan asked if we could get notified about new businesses that register in Walkersville. Ashley Bailey stated we can request that information from Susan with planning and zoning.
3. ARPA Application Review
  - Walkersville Fire Rescue Company
    - i. Commissioner Michael Bailey stated the WFRC applied for \$34,003 in grants, however, received \$13,254 based on the loss of revenue with a deficit of \$20,749
    - ii. Linda asked what dollar amount WFRC was requesting. Commissioner Michael Bailey reviewed the loss spreadsheet they submitted
    - iii. Commissioner Michael Bailey stated \$20,749 would be a good number to start with when requesting from the Burgess and Commissioners. If 10% of losses exceeds \$55,000 than max request is \$55,000.
    - iv. Linda Morgan motioned to award \$20,749, seconded Bob McNally, LeAnne Tennant concurred. All in favor.
  - Walkersville High School Music Booster
    - i. Commissioner Michael Bailey looked over the documents provided. 2020/2021 financials submitted. The documents were sufficient to our request.
    - ii. Linda McNally motioned to award \$10,000, seconded LeAnne Tennant, Bob McNally concurred. All in favor.
  - Glade Elementary PTA
    - i. Commissioner Michael Bailey stated 2 town meeting ago the Town approved a sum of money to pay off Walkersville Elementary and Glade Elementary overdue lunch accounts through Blessings in a Backpack, in addition, a sum of money to Walkersville Middle and High school when needed for students who do not receive free lunch but may receive reduced lunch.

- Linda stated next step on ARPA funding would be for profit business request which the EDC will start working on in January
- Bob McNally asked where churches fall into the request. Commissioner Michael Bailey stated that regulations changed and we will review along with for profit businesses.

#### 4. Spring Fest

- Communications Specialist Ashley Bailey stated Spring Fest should be kept separate from Walkersville Days (third Saturday of May)
- Commissioner Michael Bailey suggested to get together with Mary Ann (Parks and Rec) to try to collaborate together
- Communications Specialist Ashley Bailey suggested carnival grounds and invite local businesses
- Linda Morgan suggested to call it the “Taste of Walkersville” and invite all local businesses to share information at the event.

#### 5. Public Comment

- Dick Brady, member of Walkersville planning commission, he is a real estate appraiser. He stated he wanted to know what EDC purpose is and why there is not a Dunkin Donuts in not in Walkersville. He stated that there are 8 in Frederick County. Mr. Brady mentioned the vacant buildings in the Safeway shopping center. He stated that bringing new business to Walkersville would be a plus. He recapped what Libertytown Dunkin Donuts had to do to move in to their space. He recapped the new Dunkin Donuts in Jefferson. He asked why we are not doing something similar. He stated he feels EDC is being reactive than proactive.
  - i. Linda Morgan stated that EDC is still being defined, that we haven’t been able to get out to proactively meet with business owners, EDC’s focus has been on the ARPA funds, and we are aware of the vacant buildings in Walkersville. The EDC is working in the direction to be proactive but we are not in the position, however, will address or converse with any businesses that need support.

Meeting adjourned 8:03pm