

MINUTES  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
March 9, 2021

PRESENT: Chairman John Allen, Commissioners Robert Werner, Richard Juel, Hank Teskey, Phil Sengle, John May and Rob Acamparo

Also present: Tim Guerra, Paul Gebauer and Bob Murdock

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes:

- A motion was made by P. Sengle, seconded by R. Juel to approve the minutes of February 9, 2021 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Clinton Manufacturing Coalition Status:

- Bausch's expansion application requires approval from the Inland Wetlands Commission prior to final approval from the Planning and Zoning Commission
  - This will be resolved at a special Planning and Zoning meeting tomorrow
- B. Werner gave his report detailing but not limited to:
  - The additional warehouse space Roper Thermal has acquired
  - The zoom panel discussion for STEM and manufacturing
  - Development of a district website
  - Possibility of Goodwin College Advanced Manufacturing Mobile Training Lab visiting the Middle School
    - Discussed getting good coverage and PR when this event happens
  - Manufacturers are finding it difficult to find workers at this particular time
    - The EDC website should have information about the changing perception of manufacturing jobs
    - The website should also include the current development in town
- B. Werner's notes are attached

STEAP Grant/ Town Branding:

- J. Allen, H. Teskey and P. Sengle met with Town Manager Kilduff to discuss the STEAP Grant
  - Discussed the following:
    - Landlord's contribution
    - Terms and conditions
    - Signage/ branding – this will be brought before the Town Council for approval
    - Informational correspondence sent to the landlords
    - How landlords will apply to participate
- The monies in the 2020-2021 EDC line item accounts have been transferred to a new line item "Professional Services" for a design study to be completed
- The initial town branding signs will be installed at the ends of Commerce and Grove Streets and exit 63
  - A ballpark price for each sign is \$2,000
  - Funding for these signs can come from the STEAP Grant as a beginning to the downtown revitalization

Budget:

- The Town Council has approved a budget of \$12,400 for 2021-2022
  - \$10,000 for a part time employee
  - \$ 2,000 for operating expenses
- This budget will go to a public hearing scheduled for April 7, 2021

New Business:

Clinton Energy Committee: P. Gebauer

- Discussed the possibility of exploring the Stanley Bostitch 37-acre property for the installation of a Solar Power Farm
  - The Clinton Energy Committee and EDC will work together to present this to the Town Council

Current Growth:

- Reviewed all the projects currently being developed in town
  - The EDC had a hand in some of these projects such as:
    - Downtown Revitalization
    - Board of Education and Clinton Manufacturing Coalition working together

On a motion from H. Teskey, seconded by R. Juel, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy McDermott  
Clerk

BW March 9 EDC Meeting notes

CMC

- Roper Thermals: New warehouse space at Heritage Park. Used for stockpiling their PCM that is used in Cold Chain Logistics (i.e. vaccine distribution).

Advanced Manufacturing Partnership

Panel Discussion, Wednesday February 24 – Dynamic Careers In STEM & Manufacturing  
Webinar link [https://youtu.be/PAONmXfyO\\_0](https://youtu.be/PAONmXfyO_0)

- 55 people signed into the event, the first of many. The number viewing could be double that.
- One student that viewed reach out to Bausch and will be visiting.

The following are some of our next steps:

- Develop a district Website - Laura Colebank, Bob, Marco to discuss.
- Leverage Governor's Workforce Council - Bob already in contact with Don Venditto, Director of Strategic Initiatives.
- Potentially in May - Goodwin College Advanced Manufacturing Mobile Training Lab here for Middle School - Bob to revisit and prep.
- Advanced Manufacturing will be a part of the School's strategic planning process in September.
- Hold first Advanced Manufacturing Partnership core team meeting - Review action plan and determine other go forward actions that can be taken based on current state.