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**GRISWOLD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
GRISWOLD TOWN HALL
SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES
APRIL 19, 2017**

I. REGULAR MEETING (7:00 P.M.)

1. Call to Order

Chairman Thomas Giard, Jr. called this regular meeting of the Griswold Economic Development Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Chairman Thomas Giard, Jr., Vice Chairman James W. Barnie, Charlotte Geer Town Planner Mario J. Tristany and Recording Secretary Donna Szall

Absent: Paul Lach, Ken Bousquet

3. Determination of Quorum

T. Giard stated that there was a quorum for this regular meeting of the Economic Development Commission.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of March, 2017

T. Giard asked for corrections. He stated that there are only two voters so he stated that the minutes will be table to the next meeting. All were in favor.

5. Public Comment

T. Giard stated that there was no one present for public comment and he closed public comment.

6. Matters Presented for Consideration

A. Green Earth Triangle, LLC – project update.

T. Giard asked M. Tristany for an update on Green Earth Triangle. M. Tristany stated that he spoke to Al Kovalik, the project manager last week for an update. They have met with DEEP Brownfield's Unit and the Transfer Act; and DEEP is asking for an analysis for the fill that will be brought in to the site. M. Tristany stated that it will be closer to August before work begins and that Green Earth is fully committed to the project.

J. Barnie asked if they were aware of the Natural Gas that is being brought in. M. Tristany stated yes. T. Giard stated that it would be a big sell.

B. Heritage River Village Project Route 164 – project update.

T. Giard explained that they have submitted an application to Planning and Zoning and a public hearing is scheduled for the May 8, 2017 meeting at 6 p.m. regarding this application. He stated that he speaks with Jeff quite regularly. There was discussion of this matter. He stated that anyone on the commission

is welcome to come to the public hearing to comment on the positive side. T. Giard stated that local business men should be proactive in contacting the Heritage River Villages developer so that they can be on the contractor list and part of the bidding process for raw materials. They should contact their website to be included in this project.

C. Discussion and update of Business Summit in June at the Overlook.

T. Giard stated that the Business Summit is on June 21, 2017 and that he has talked with Bowman who will have the tent, tables and chairs ready. He stated that Jewett City Savings Bank is sponsoring the Business Summit this year; Bill Couture is thinking about being the emcee and his boss may be the administrative speaker. T. Giard stated that he has two invitations out for speakers. He asked that the members invite people to attend. He stated that he will speak with Denise Robillard and the realtors at her meeting to come to the Business Summit. M. Tristany stated that there was a speaker from Mystic who had good information who can speak. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Discussion and update of the Creative Arts & Culture Commission.

T. Giard stated that Paul Lach is not here for an update. D. Szall mentioned that Paul said that there has not been another meeting to date.

7. Correspondence

T. Giard asked if there was any correspondence. J. Barnie stated that there was a UCFS for an exemption of the sewer buy-in. M. Tristany stated that letter was under other matters.

8. Other Matters

A. Discussion and review of the Economic Development update for Plan of Conservation and Development

M. Tristany stated that the pictures will be changed. J. Barnie stated that in 3.D on the sixth sentences your town should read our town. He stated that there was reference to wire drawing. 3. D 2, the exit 85 is now exit 24. C. Geer stated that it was good to have the old exit there too.

J. Barnie stated that in 3.D.5 second paragraph that Griswold sewer authority reduces rate. He stated that it isn't right. There was discussion of this matter. T. Giard stated that it should read the cost of the buy-in rate. M. Tristany explained that it was an exemption 20,000 GPD of flowage that is for buy in fees.

M. Tristany stated that we will take pictures of East Coast and Hannah's Market. C. Geer asked when their grand opening will be. M. Tristany stated that the Fire Marshal has to go up there; the building official and that there are no major issues. He stated that Hannah's Market looks good in side. J. Barnie suggested a photograph of American Industries.

T. Giard asked members to go through these and make changes or additions.

B. Discussion of "Adopt a Banner" program raised in March meeting.

T. Giard stated that there were samples of banners. M. Tristany asked if the sunflower banners are back. T. Giard stated that they will be picked up Friday. There was discussion of this matter.

J. Barnie stated that he thought they should be sold. T. Giard stated that we need to keep control. M. Tristany stated that the business would have a banner in place of the sunflower banner. J. Barnie stated that there is a fee for them hanging a banner. T. Giard stated that our banners are \$75 and the other banners would be \$100 for the business. There was discussion of this matter. T. Giard stated that he will bring this idea to Camaro signs.

C. Email dated March 31, 2017 from Pam Kinder, United Community and Family Services (UCFS) requesting consideration for sanitary flow in the amount of 1,600 GPD.

M. Tristany submitted a copy of an email from Pam Kinder requesting a reduction of 1,600 GPD buy-in exemptions. He stated that he has put together calculations for this request for medical facilities from the public health it

comes to 1,264 GPD flow reducing their fee to 18,956. T. Giard stated there should be an application. M. Tristany stated that this should be a request to the BOS for a formal review. J. Barnie stated that he was all for making it easier for a business to start up. There was discussion of this matter including increasing the 20,000 flow to 100,000 flow to accommodate more development.

J. Barnie stated that the sewer lines when new people sign on, it needs to be codified to have them pay for the line having been installed by the first developer. M. Tristany stated that when utilities are extended, a private person cannot own the sewer line, anyone ties in pays a fee per lineal foot for their property that gets paid to the person who put the line in. There was discussion of this matter.

9. Adjournment

T. Giard asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: P. Lach moved to adjourn. K. Bousquet seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Szall
Recording Secretary