

MORRIS TOWNSHIP
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ORGANIZATION/REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016- 6:00 P.M.

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CALL TO ORDER

The January 25, 2016 Organization/Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairman Benedetto, 6:10 P.M., in the Municipal Building, 50 Woodland Avenue, Morris Township, New Jersey.

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ATTENDANCE

Mr. Edward Burwell
Mr. Paul M. Staudt
Mr. Rich Haan
Mr. Bruce D. Sisler, Deputy Mayor
Ms. Suzanne Kiall Benedetto
Ms. Susan M. Young
Ms. Kathleen G. Hyland
Dr. Nicole Saphier

ABSENT MEMBER

Mr. Leonard Posey
Mr. Scott Schubiger
Mr. Rich Haan

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Timothy F. Quinn, Township Administrator
Kathryn Viarengo, Assistant Tax Assessor

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PRESIDING OFFICER'S STATEMENT RE: ADEQUATE NOTICE – O.P.M.A. – (RECORD INSERT)

Chairman Benedetto issued the following statement of adequate notice:

“Adequate Notice” of this meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Morris, was given as required and defined by the Open Public Meetings Act, as follows:

Written Notice was given on March 1, 2016 to the official newspapers, Morris County Daily Record, by email at least 48 hours prior to the date of this meeting, and a copy of the Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building of the Township of Morris by the Township Administrator and a copy of the Notice was likewise filed in the Township Clerk's Office and copies of this Notice were mailed by certified mail to all persons who have requested individual notice, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-19, all of which Notices were given at least 48 hours prior to the date of this meeting, and that said notice will be retained in the Office of the Township Clerk.”

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Benedetto, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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OATHS OF OFFICE- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Oath of Office was administered and Oath of Allegiance to the following Economic Development Advisory Committee Members:

KATHLEEN G. HYLAND
SUSAN M. YOUNG
DR. NICOLE SAPHIER
SUZANNE KIAL BENEDETTO
PAUL M. STAUDT
ED BURWELL
BRUCE D. SISLER, MAYOR DESIGNEE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- DECEMBER 14, 2015

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

With standard selection procedures being observed, Paul Staudt was elected, by the vote of 5-0 as Chairman for the ensuing year

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

With standard selection procedures being observed, Nicole Saphier was elected by the vote of 5-0 for Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year

RESOLUTIONS:

In the next matter of business, the following resolutions were duly offered, seconded, and adopted by the vote as indicated at the end of the text of the resolution:

1-16 RE: RESOLUTION SETTING MEETING DATES FOR 2016 AND JANUARY 2017

RESOLVED, that meetings of the Economic Development Advisory Committee for 2016 and January, 2017 shall be held at 6:00 PM on the following dates at the Township of Morris Municipal Building, 50 Woodland Avenue, Morris Township, New Jersey:

March 28
May 23
July 25
Sept 26
Nov 28
Jan 23, 2017

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GENERAL BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

There was an in depth critique of the brochure and a review of its purpose for the new members. The material is to promote the economic and commercial benefits of Morris Township for potential businesses and the growth and retention of existing businesses. The brochure will also include the EDAC committee's mission statement, contact info, tagline, and logo and will target all size businesses. Also, will serve as an outline for the website and hopefully this will bring us a step closer to distinguishing Morris Township- the common misconception Morristown and Morris Township are the same. Suzanne recommended distributing the brochure to other commercial/residential real estate brokers. That is why it's important to make the brochure easy to read, concise, and to the point. Kathy touched upon the Mt. Kemble property, and emphasized how we should reach out to the property owners and get their feedback on what other types of use might promote a revival of the park; not necessarily change the underlining zoning but add additional uses to complement what's there. For example, residential use because it's the most value added. It was suggested the mayor write a letter requesting the property owners/ tenants meet with the committee and for the committee to have questions prepared. Short discussion on Bed and Breakfasts in Morris Township and The Abbey and how Bob Silver, The Bravitas Group got offered The Abbey.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Benedetto, in accordance with standard procedure, opened the meeting for comments by the General Public. The name, address and summary of comments and response, as appropriate, follows:

No Public Comment.

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ADJOURNMENT

The January 25, 2016 Meeting, with no further business to be considered, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously (5-0) adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M., next to convene at the 6:00 P.M., March 28, 2016 in the Municipal Building, 50 Woodland Avenue, Township of Morris.

Virginia Murphy
Assistant Personnel/Public Info/EDAC Secretary