

Florence Twp Economic Development Committee Minutes 12/3/24

Florence, New Jersey

The Florence Township Economic Development Committee held a regular meeting on the above date in the header at the Municipal Complex, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey. Members of the public were invited to attend the meeting in person. The minutes reflect the meeting held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024.

The meeting was called to order by Economic Development Liaison, Martin Eckert at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Present: Lisa Filippine, Councilman Nick Haas, Rich Popso, Katie Wittkamp

Also Present: Martin Eckert Jr.

Absent: Marvin Wainwright, Joan Geary, Tina Lloyd, Melissa Bond,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting of April 2, 2024

Motion of Filippine, seconded by Wittkamp to approve the minutes as submitted.

COORDINATORS REPORT

- Marty Eckert provided to the committee information about upcoming events and activities that will be taking place in May and June.
 - Steel Mill Street fair on May 18th sponsored by the Burlington Mercer Chamber of Commerce. This event is getting a lot of traction and is anticipated to draw several thousand visitors to the community. Several local organizations and businesses are set to participate.
 - Roebling Carnival running from May 29th thru June 1st will be held on Nyikita Field in Roebling. This four-day event is a celebration of Spring and the soon to be close of the 2023-2024 school year. Several families attend to enjoy rides, refreshments and live music.
 - Dare Network Event – Marty and Katie will meet Mayor Marter at the event held at the Rowan Gloucester County College campus along with municipalities from across Southern New Jersey. The goal will be to market some of the larger parcels potentially available in our township as well as network to learn how various municipalities promote or support cleaning up vacant or abandoned properties.

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COMMITTEES

- **Vacant Business Properties:** The committee will be designing a letter to be sent to the various property owners in an effort to understand future plans for properties and businesses.

CORRESPONDENCE, EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- Discussed during coordinators report.

MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

No members of the public were present.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Wittkamp, second by Filippine – 7:45pm