

MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
February 17, 2016

The meeting of the Libertyville Economic Development Commission was called to order at 7:33 a.m. at the VW Credit, 1401 Franklin Blvd, Libertyville, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman John Cortesi, Commissioners William Abington, Glenn Bockwinkel, Brian Grano, Thomas Kreuser, Jeff Mateer, and Steve Martin.

Members Absent: Edward Werdell.

Staff Present: John Spoden, Community Development Director and Heather Rowe, Economic Development Coordinator.

Others Present: Andy Lausch, Main Street Libertyville and Michael Stevens, Lake County Partners.

NEW BUSINESS:

Minutes: The Commission approved the minutes of the January meeting.

Presentation by VW Credit: Chairman Cortesi expressed appreciation to VW Credit for hosting and introduced Tom Keefe, Communications Specialist. Mr. Keefe thanked the Commission for their interest and expressed gratitude to the Village for quick response when assistance has been required. Mr. Keefe introduced the facility Director, Patrick Lefebvre, and Human Resource Director, Randy Viola. Mr. Lefebvre described the organizational structure and the Libertyville facility's role as the main financial service facility for VW and Audi in the America's. He returned the floor to Mr. Keefe who indicated that their decision for choosing Libertyville for expansion several years ago was the availability of qualified employees. They currently are also occupying a nearby facility as they require additional staffing while they do a transfer of their financial software. He noted that his staff is very involved with the community, be it fundraising for the hospital or serving on committees such as the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Committee. The Commissioners exchanged questions with the VW staff.

COMMUNICATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS:

Mr. Spoden provided update on the TOD Plan and Church Street Parking Garage bid effort. He and Ms. Rowe provided additional development updates (Young, Meyer, BECO, etc).

Chairman Cortesi asked that the Economic Development Strategy be brought back to the Commission on a future meeting agenda when time permits.

The meeting was concluded so as to proceed on a facility tour led by Mr. Keefe. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather J. Rowe,
Economic Development Coordinator