**Minutes**

*The mission of the Mount Pulaski Economic Development and Planning Board is to improve the quality of life and create a shared prosperity in our community by retaining, sustaining, and enhancing existing businesses and community organizations, attracting, and developing new businesses and improving and upgrading infrastructure.*

**Date: 1/10/2024**

**Time: 6:15 pm**

**Location: Back room of The Old Brickyard Grill and Pub**

**Meeting Type: Business/Grant Review**

1. Call to Order: Andrew called the meeting to order at 6:25 pm on January 10, 2024
2. Roll Call: Present were Andrew Meister, Corey Leonard, Tracy Pulliam, Erin Wyss, and administrator, Deanna Howard. Doug Johnson and Benjamin Butler were absent.
3. Introduction of guests: No guests were present.
4. Approval of Consent Agenda-payments and minutes: **Corey motioned to approve the consent agenda including the transfer for admin payroll and the food bill to be determined for the EDPB Holiday dinner held at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Erin. Roll call vote: Andy-aye, Corey-aye, Tracy-aye, Erin-aye. Erin motioned to approve the minutes for the December meeting and the motion was seconded by Corey. All present members voted “Aye.”**
5. Treasurer Report: Deanna presented the treasurer report along with the corrected December treasurer report. **Corey motioned to approve the treasurer report and Tracy seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Andy-aye, Corey-aye, Tracy-aye, Erin-aye.**
6. Old Business
   1. Project Updates:
      1. Andy reported that Megan Jones is still in the planning phases looking at locations for a new daycare facility.
      2. Farm Fed Co-op: They are still looking at locations.
      3. Andy has had several conversations with a potential board member and the mayor is aware of this person.
7. New Business
   1. Community organization donations. It was decided to leave the process as it has been, but Deanna will send out a letter to the organizations to send their grant requests in by the end of our first quarter so that EDPB is able to budget appropriate funds for these events.
   2. Market on the Hill: City attorney is reviewing the $25,000 donation request for possible conflict of interest because the mayor and some council members are also investors.
   3. Grant Review
      1. Salon @ 102: The grant request from Salon @ 102 is for direct mail to help build clientele to keep the business open. The EDPB members all agreed that it is a service that is needed in the community, and it does utilize what could be another empty building on the square. **Tracy motioned to accept the grant for $601.82 for advertising market flyers. Erin seconded the motion. Corey requested clarification of the amount requested. The requested amount was clarified by Deanna as $300 of the total budget of $601.82. Tracy amended her motion to approve the request amount of $300 as requested on the application. Erin seconded the amended motion. Roll call vote: Andy-aye, Corey-aye, Tracy-aye, Erin-aye.**
8. Other Business/Non-Agenda items: Andy mentioned that he and Corey need to schedule a meeting with the involved parties to discuss the Fazier Park project.
9. Executive Session: None
10. Next Meeting 2/7/2024 6:15 pm
11. Adjournment: **Corey motioned to adjourn, and Tracy seconded the motion. All present voted “Aye.”**