

## **BED Meeting Minutes**

1/9/13

### **Attendance:**

*Councilman D'Orazio, Joe Camarota, David Firman, Eric Hunt, David Vicente, Sam Micklus, Mayor Wallace, Jack Yerkes, Anthony Fanty, Ralph Grandizio*

Salute to the Flag

***Meeting called to order @ 7:00 pm by Chairman Micklus***

### **Discussion:**

- Pending appointment. Chairman Micklus was nominated for Chairman. Jack Yerkes - Vice Chair. Joe Camarota and David Firman will share Secretary duties.
- BED budget amount for \$3000.00 was requested for 2013.
- Suggestion was made by Councilman D'Orazio to have two BED members attend the Rotary Meetings.
- BED missed out on "SHOP LOCAL" Saturday. First Saturday after "black" Friday. BED to try to make it in 2013.
- Goals for 2013. New brochures to be handed out to "hot" leads. Use task force report as a guide, coordinating ED efforts with Bob Smith BA. Develop by-laws and mission statement. Define BED role with Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Wallace to request Bob Smith to attend BED meetings in the future. COOPER Hospital feasibility. Review cumbersome ordinances. Research available grant money for infrastructure improvements in redevelopment zone. Research the feasibility of a women's medicine training school.
- Important goals: Attract new development. Keep existing businesses afloat. Evaluate existing business vs. new business.
- Discussion took place as to a Trucking company being appropriate for Delsea Drive redevelopment area. Traffic control would need to be improved at Rt. 41/Egg Harbor Rd.
- Discussion took place as to finding a way for the BED to be notified of new businesses coming to town. Anthony Fanty stated that he had started a data base of new businesses that would require updating.
- Mayor Wallace mentioned two new businesses. Presbyterian Homes and Firemen's Credit Union.
- The zoning department will identify ordinances to be reviewed.

### **Old Business**

- BED appreciation certificates for new businesses were signed by Chairman Micklus and Councilman D'Orazio.

- Councilman D'Orazio expressed disappointment in the fact that Jay Petrongolo was made unavailable for the Council Meeting where he was to answer any questions the public may have had with recent ordinance changes which were reviewed by the BED.
- The Azimi tax abatement request was tabled.

**New Business**

- It was recommended by Councilman D'Orazio to have BED members attend the Council meetings on a regular basis.
- Councilman D'Orazio recommended that future BED meetings begin at 7:30pm instead of 7:00pm.

***NEXT MEETING, 7:30pm, 2/6/13***

***Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm***

Respectfully submitted,

***Joe Camarota*** - co-secretary

1/17/13