

Toms River Business Development Corporation
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, January 5, 2022; 8:00 a.m.
(Meeting conducted via Zoom due to COVID-19)

MINUTES

In attendance: Mayor Hill, Phil Brilliant, MaryJo Buchanan, Dean Gresek, Mike Hovance, Marshall Kern, Lee Pelton, Dave Roberts, Bob Shea, Danielle Szcypinski and Staff: Mairin Bellack, Kim Dippolito, and Liz Thomson.
Guests: Rick Norman Not present: Bill Beining, John Brown, Lisa Cifaretto, Tom Forgione, Gabe Gillen, Georgette Kyriacou, Sandra Lazzaro, Danielle Norcross, Pam Piner and Gigi Hayes,

- Called to order at 8:03 a.m.
- Introductions & Announcements: None
- Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes was made by T. Forgione and second by M. Buchanan. The minutes were approved.
- Treasurer's Report (L. Pelton): L. Pelton reported that our finances are in good shape. We received the 4th quarter tax assessment from the township. The quote we received from the elevator company was much higher than expected so we are getting more quotes.
- Committee Reports
- Cultural Committee (L. Cifretto) No report
- Design (B. Beining)- No report
- Economic Restructuring/Land Use- No report
- Land Use- No report.
- Finance (L. Pelton) No new report
- Organization (D. Szcypinski)- D. Szcypinski reported that the Resident Committee did not meet in December but will be meeting in January.
- Promotions (Tom Forgione)- K. Dippolito reported that they are working on the 2022 event schedule. She will be sending out all the Permission Requests to the township and the county in the next two weeks.
- Colleague Reports:
Township (Mayor Hill, Lou Amoruso and D. Roberts)- Mayor Hill reported that the township had their reorganization meeting. They welcomed three new members to the council. There are exciting things happening in 2022. The VA and the Downtown Redevelopment projects should be breaking ground this year. Both projects have been approved. The VA has to be open in July or August of 2023. The township is working with the county on the road system as there will need to be

changes in the traffic pattern at Caudina Ave. They are hoping that the Post Office will move to the Sea Court Pavilion area as well. The township closed on The Surf Club property on 12/30/21. The mayor thanked Councilwoman Maria Maruca for her the integral part she played in making that happen. The township has closed on the Boy Scout building which includes a four-acre parcel of land. This land will be preserved as open space. The township continues to look to consolidate positions at Town Hall. These recommendations came out of the efficiency study. Public Works is looking into doing a every two-week recycling pick up rather than the current schedule. The VA will be using Town Hall's the Lomell Room for their information meetings with potential subcontractors. D. Roberts reported that a subcontractor job fair will be held on January 11, 2022, 8:30am-6:00pm. D. Roberts will pass more information on to M. Bellack once he receives it. D. Roberts gave a report about the financial arrangements for the VA project and the structured PILOT. The township is looking to have a final contract in place by the Finance Board meeting on 2/9/22. D. Roberts gave an overview of the proposed new traffic plan for the VA. This will be in conjunction with the county as well as the VA. D. Roberts shared that Councilman Kopp is interested in seeing a ramped-up façade improvement project for the entire township.

Parking Authority (P. Piner)- No report

County (T. Agliata, N. Leaf) – No report

Library (Rachel LaVoie-Dohn)- No report.

Chamber of Commerce (D. Norcross)- P. Brilliant shared that the chamber met with Ocean First and their plan is to move into their new space in the next two weeks. There will be a grand opening in March or April. The Greater Toms River Chamber of Commerce is pleased to report that they have 388 members and are looking to reach 400. P. Brilliant asked D. Roberts to forward the VA subcontractor information to him. The chamber is doing a joint venture with Commerce Magazine.

Old Business: None

New Business: B. Shea reiterated that there is a good year ahead for Toms River and especially Downtown Toms River. He congratulated The Greater Toms River Chamber of Commerce for their growth in membership. He thanked the mayor for his leadership in making the projects we've discussed happen. We are all looking forward to a great 2022.

Adjournment: a motion to adjourn was made by M. Hovance and second by B. Beining. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 am.