

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
6:30 PM THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017
ROOM 224 CROMWELL TOWN HALL 41 WEST STREET
MINUTES AND RECORD OF VOTES**

Present: Chairman Richard Nobile, Jay Polke, Stanley Stachura, and Robert Jahn

Absent: Joseph Fazekas

Also Present: Director of Planning and Development Stuart Popper

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nobile at 6:34 pm.

2. Roll Call / Seating of Alternates

The presence of the above members was noted. No alternates were seated.

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Popper asked that the agenda be amended to add in an Executive Session to discuss the request for a tax abatement as submitted by Doug Sudell of Two Men and a Truck. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Stan Stachura. Robert Jahn **seconded** the motion. *All were in favor; the motion passed.*

4. Public Comments: NONE

5. Director of Planning and Development & Compliance Officer Reports:

Mr. Popper informed the Commission as to the status of the K-Mart Shopping Plaza in that they were moving forward with the Shop Rite and that announcements regarding development at Cromwell Commons, Sebethe Road and the SavMor site would be forthcoming. He also mentioned that the developer of 60 River Road was in the process of contacting the property owners. Mr. Popper also reported that he had submitted an application for a \$500,000.00 STEAP grant for renovations to County Line Drive / Route 3. Chairman Nobile asked about the Sunoco property and Mr. Popper told him that the property closing was moving forward.

6. New Business:

The Commission began its Executive Session at 6:41 p.m. and ended at 7:05 p.m. A motion to end the Executive Session was made by Robert Jahn and seconded by Jay Polke. *All in favor; motion passed.*

A motion was made by Jay Polke in favor of a full (100%) tax abatement for seven years as requested by Two Men and a Truck and seconded by Robert Jahn. *All in favor; motion passed.* Mr. Popper stated that he would bring the Commission's recommendation of the tax abatement to the Town Manager to see if it could be included as an agenda item at the next Town Council meeting.

7. Old Business:

- a. Northern Tier STEAP Grant: Mr. Popper restated that the grant application had been submitted.

8. Communications: (see attached P & Z Minutes, Redevelopment Agency Minutes)

Mr. Jahn requested some clarification regarding the permits listed in Mr. Popper's report.

9. Chairman's Comments/Commissioners' Comments:

Mr. Jahn stated his concerns over the possible politicizing of the business meetings, which he did not believe was the intent of the EDC. Chairman Nobile concurred with Mr. Jahn's statements. Mr. Popper stated that business owners tend to react positively to the presence of the mayor and town council members at those meetings. He also stated that he attends those meetings as a representative of the EDC. He stated that he will work on providing the reports to the EDC prior to their distribution to the Town Council and other boards. Mr. Polke stated that the presence of the mayor and town council members at the meetings tends to fast track resolution of any issues raised at those meetings.

10. Approval of Minutes

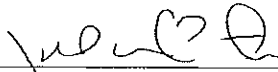
- a. March 16, 2017: Stan Stachura made a **motion** to approve the meeting minutes for March 16, 2017. Jay Polke **seconded** the motion. *All were in favor; the motion passed.*

11. Good & Welfare: NONE

12. Adjourn

Robert Jahn made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Stan Stachura **seconded** the motion. *All were in favor; the motion passed.* The meeting was **adjourned** at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Julie C. Petrella
Recording Clerk