



Hanover Township
Economic Development Advisory Committee
Retain / Revitalize / Encourage / Attract

Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2022
8:00 – 9:15 a.m.

Meeting Legal Announcement

A meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) of the Township of Hanover, County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, was held on April 22, 2022, in Conference Room A of the Township Municipal Building, Route 10 and North Jefferson Road in the said Township, convening at 8:00 am. Chairperson Brueno announced that adequate and electronic notice for the meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and Emergency Remote Meeting protocol for Local Public Bodies, by posting written notice of the meeting on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building in said Township, on the Township website, and by emailing such notice to the following newspapers: Hanover Eagle, Daily Record, and The Star-Ledger.

Roll Call

Present

Bob Brueno, Chairperson
Paul Elias, Member
Greg Davey, Member
Susan Shannon, Member
Dan Breen, Alternate
Michael Knauss, Alternate
Chris Mattessich, Alternate
Thomas “Ace” Gallagher, Dir. Of Planning
John Ferramosca, Mayor
Blais Brancheau, BA Designee
Shelby Snow, EDAC Internal Coordinator

Absent

Gene Potkay, Vice-Chairperson
Art Linfante, Member
Nadia Mian, Member
Rich Campbell, Alternate
Suzanne DiMontova, Alternate
Maria Florio, Alternate

Review & Approval of Minutes

March 18, 2022

Motion to approve made by Member Shannon and seconded by Alternate Knauss. All members were in favor.

New Business

- New Member Candidates
 - David Yoon – Hanover Cleaners & Newmark Associates – introduced himself and explained why he is interested in joining EDAC.
- Communications
 - Deputy Mayor Gallagher talked about Tap Into and Patch. Would like EDAC to interview the different companies and learn about their services and recommend one to the Township.
- Planning Board Approvals
 - Mayor Ferramosca handed out a list of Planning Board approvals made in the last two years. He explained that businesses have no obligation to update the Township on their status after approvals. If EDAC knows anyone involved with the projects or wants to reach out and learn status, they can get contact information from the Planning Board secretary.
 - Member Shannon asked if there were any timelines from the Township that businesses must meet. Township Planner Brancheau responded that approvals are good for two years and can be renewed. Many times the conditions have to deal with outside agencies which the Township has no jurisdiction over.
- Small Business Veterans Discounts
 - Mayor Ferramosca shared information from the Morris County Clerk's office and gave it to Vice-Chairperson Potkay to distribute to the local business subcommittee.
- Morris County Small Business Grants
 - Mayor Ferramosca shared information about this program - \$15,000 grants are available for small businesses and the applications are open through June.
- Morristown Airport
 - Mayor Ferramosca stated that the airport is interested in promoting its corporate charter flight program. He suggested that representatives from the airport attend a future meeting.
- Regional Flood Mobilization
 - Mayor Ferramosca and Deputy Mayor Gallagher spoke about a multi-town flood mitigation plan for the Whippany River and that the Township is applying for a federal grant opportunity to fund it.
- Hanover First
 - Member Davey spoke about Hanover First as a new subcommittee. The goal of the group would be to promote that when new development happens in Hanover, it is Hanover businesses and vendors that are chosen to do the work.

- Mayor Ferramosca stated that we need legal advice on whether something like this would be allowed or what the parameters would have to be.
- The group discussed when it is promoting vs informing when sharing a list of businesses and discussed how the existing directory could be used for this initiative.

Current Business

- Subcommittee Updates
 - Event
 - ~ 40 attendees signed up so far
 - Shop Local
 - Facebook Group has about 30 business members.
 - The subcommittee will use the B2B event and in-person recruitment to try to gather more participants.
 - Streetscapes
 - Working with an outside firm to create renderings and had a consultation with a grant-writing firm. Will have more information to share at future meetings.

Public Comment

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Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Member Shannon and seconded by Member Elias. All members were in favor. The next meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) is scheduled for May 20, 2022, in the Main Public Meeting Room.