

# Meeting of Lindenhurst Economic Development Committee

## Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2015

1. The meeting of the Lindenhurst Economic Development Committee was called to order at 7:00 PM on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in Lindenhurst Village Hall by Shawn Cullinane, Chairperson.

### **Present**

Shawn Cullinane, Chairperson

Marian Conway, Committee Member

Darrel Kost, Committee Member

Anthony Manetta, Committee Member

Robert Sweeney, Committee Member

Lance Walker, Committee Member

Katherine McCaffrey, Secretary

2. Introduction of committee members
3. Several Comments-overview of committee mission
  - **What are the target areas to revitalize?**
    - Downtown (Wellwood Avenue between Gates and John)
    - Junkyard area (two junkyards recently went out of business)
  - **Current issues in the Downtown**
    - Vacancies; incentives to develop properties, how many absentee landlords?
    - Proximity to the Church; 200 feet door-to-door, three other liquor establishments within 500 feet, can this be petitioned as it is spurring economic development, Gerard Glass to review liquor license
    - Parking Issues; behind Wellwood parking to include areas on South 1<sup>st</sup> Street, High Street; acquiring of residential properties in the targeted parking areas
    - What can be done to attract development in the downtown?
4. General Discussion-issues to address
  - **Inventory of Downtown Area**
    - How many vacant stores
    - What type of stores
    - What are the uses of existing buildings
    - Why is there the same cycle or uses? Can there be a moratorium placed on specific uses within a certain distance
    - What are the exact number of businesses
    - What is the for sale inventory
    - How many businesses have apartments above them
    - Use tax maps to identify properties

- **Structure of Government**

- In what ways will the structure of government need to change?
- Architectural Review Board?
- Downtown Economic Development—needs to be a broader picture to look for instead of just filling in an empty space (Planning Board and Zoning)
- Overlay zone—conform to character of the neighborhood

5. First task

- **Survey**

- Reach out to residents/business owners to find out what they'd like to see in a downtown, why they do/do not visit the downtown, what they feel is the biggest problem in our downtown; this will create public support and make people feel like they're a part of the process
- What draws people to other towns/villages

6. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday January 21, 2015 6:00 PM at Lindenhurst Village Hall.

7. Meeting Closed at 8:21 PM