



Minutes

- I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 9:11 am by Village President Bill Adams.

The following members were in attendance: Rudy Callen, Bill Adams, Ron Smith, Warren Lawrence and Chris Newman.

Also in attendance were Village Manager Jim Mallery, Lisa Phillips, Clerk Tracy Locey, Attorney Jared Belka.

Absent: Ken Hovenkamp, Steve Goss, and Don DeBruin.

- I. Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved 5-0 as presented.
- II. Approval of Minutes – The February 20, 2017 minutes were approved as presented 5-0.
- III. Consultation with Attorney Jared Belka of Warner Norcross /By-Laws Update – Discussion took place on the Authority’s ability to take a vote on the proposed by-law changes at this meeting. Attorney Belka acknowledge the meeting was noticed in compliance with the Open Meetings Act and the term update could be interrupted to mean action to update the by-laws. Mallery provided an overview of the Brownfield Authority noting the current Village Brownfields are properly capturing tax increments. At the last meeting, the Authority approved the Policy and Application. As the Authority moves forward, it will be beneficial to have the council members serve on the Authority with two at-large individuals making up the nine-member board.

Belka reviewed the proposed amendments to the By-Laws. Statute allows for only certain ways in which members may be appointed to a brownfield authority. The proposed amendments allow for self-appointed members. The Purpose section of the by-laws addresses the zone of the authority. The term zone means within the village limits. Each plan will set forth how TIF funds may be utilized. The plan will tailor how the funds will be collected and allocated. A Development and Reimbursement Agreement should be executed with each plan.

The goal of “self-appointing” the council members is to create efficiencies. Lisa Phillips noted a grammatical error on Article 7, Section 5, shall read, “The Chairperson shall be the ...”. It is likely the Village of Vicksburg Brownfield Authority will be receiving two application is the next few months.

Callen moved, seconded by Lawrence to adopt the by-laws with the previously noted amendment. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Smith moved, seconded by Callen to accept the resignation of the members present and to seek the written resignation of those absent, contingent upon the Village of Vicksburg Council approving the recommended by-law amendments. Motion carried 4-1. Ayes: Smith, Lawrence, Adams, Callen. Nays: Newman.

IV. Adjournment - With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Locey
Village Clerk