



Meeting: **Downtown Development Committee**
Place: **106 S. Main St.**
Date: **Wednesday, March 28, 2012 @ 6:30 P.M.**
Webpage: **www.poynette-wi.gov**

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Roll call present-Burke, McEvelly, Garske, Golueke, Wiese, Bryant, Mielke, Brown, Avery, Chapa, Marquardt, Ross, DeBoer

1. Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee: Jerry Burke to be Chair and Dick Marquardt to be Vice-Chair
2. Approval of Agenda: Burke/Chapa to approve, MC
3. Public Communications & Comment: There were no public comments
4. Discussion Items
 - a. Committee operating parameters/goals/objectives – Guild opened the discussion with comments on how to develop and the different approaches. There are limits for municipalities as to debt load/equalized value and we are at 73%, with 80% being maximum the Village would want. The Fire Station represents the biggest portion of the present debt. Proceeded to mention the challenges; utilities, parking, public versus private development, library as a tenant, how to make money from tenants.
 - b. Needs of the Library – discussion explaining present Library does not pay rent, building supplied by Village, but how to handle in future and how rent might affect the Village budget.
 - c. Tax Incremental Financing Districts- Guild explained Village would borrow under TIF, then TIF would repay loan. Value of TIF questioned as the properties came off the tax roll when the Village purchased them. Time frame to repay would depend on the plan. Some debt will be paid in 2016 so the Village will gain \$190K in debt service relief.

General Discussion of concerns to the community and the committee – Boy Scout needs, Library needs, Parking, green space, vandalism, drainage problems, taxpayer effect, enough village residents to support, downtown upgrade needed, theme or look to the downtown, attraction of private developer, need of anchor tenant, and a Village projection on debt service versus income. Andy Ross left at 7:43 for a County meeting. Discussion continued with Little Blessing building, footprint/size of building, the committee needs to be goal orientated, determine wants and needs and then come up with the options/recommendations. Burke expressed his opinion that the Chiropractor and Scout Building would not be taken by eminent domain.

- d. Future meetings will be the Third Wednesday of the month, with the next being April 18, 2012 at 6:30PM.
5. Review/Consideration of next meeting agenda- as reports come, they will be emailed before next meeting
 - a. Report from the Library on their present and future needs
 - b. Report on Boy Scout needs from Becky Golueke
 - c. Study done on the Little Blessings building from General Engineering

Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM

Approved: 4-18-12

Minutes prepared by Sue Deuth from D. Avery Notes