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COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WORK SESSION NOTES

December 19, 2017

The work session was called to order by Chairman William Weimer at 6:00 pm in the meeting room of the Coolbaugh Township Municipal Office, 5520 Municipal Drive, Tobyhanna, PA.

Board Members present:

William Weimer, Anthony Lamantia, Lynn Kelly, Juan Adams and Alma I. Ruiz-Smith

Board Members absent:

None

Staff present:

Jerry Hanna, Township Solicitor, Erin Masker, Recording Secretary and Maureen Mills, Business Manager/ Controller

Staff absent:

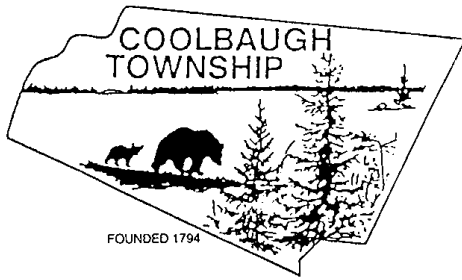
None

Mr. Weimer announced that this work session is being recorded to aid in the preparation of the notes.

1. Pocono Mountain Economic Development Corp- Michelle Bisbing, Chuck Leonard and Dennis Noonan

Chuck Leonard discussed the current prospects, marketing advertising, events and accomplishments of the EDC for 2017. Mr. Leonard stated that they currently have a piece of property under contract with Ridge Development which is proposing to build a warehouse off of Route 940 past the Geisinger Medical Office. Ridge Development has presented a sketch plan to the Planning Commission and will be making a formal submission in the near future. Mr. Leonard stated that they have received 54 new leads in 2017 with 19 of the leads being on property located in Coolbaugh Township. Mr. Leonard stated that current prospects are TCI Mobility, Ridge Properties, KidsPeace, Project Fish as well as a Michael Baxter Prospect. Mr. Leonard stated that Mr. Noonan was out at four properties today with a prospect that is in the trucking industry. Mr. Leonard stated that they have a small marketing budget and place advertisements in the Penn's Northeast publication, PM Region Economic Development Guide, PA Quarterly, Site Selection, GPCC Directory and PA Region ED Guide. They have also spent time and funds on re-designing their website in order to provide an option for searching properties based on municipality. Some events that they participated in for the year were Penn's Northeast Broker Networking, MD&M East at the Javitz Center, NYC and SIOR Industrial Property Summit. Mr. Leonard stated that they have upgraded their sewage treatment facility and repaired issues as well as stated that all the building located on the PMCC South campus are all occupied with tenants including NFI, Solstice Sleep Products, Ailya Chemical and Summit Aerospace. Mr. Leonard stated that they are instrumental in transportation and extending the gas lines as well as currently working on a project at Pine Hill Road to create a road that would offer an alternate route than having to travel through the five point intersection in Mount Pocono. Mr. Leonard closed by stating that the Pocono Mountain EDC provided \$17 million dollars in grant money this year alone, \$6.6 million dollars in loans to businesses this year and is the primary applicant for many LSA grants.

- **Discussion:** Ms. Ruiz-Smith asked what the status of the merger with the chamber of commerce, with Mr. Leonard stating that the options are still being explored and that the EDC is opposed to the Lehigh Valley Merger. Ms. Ruiz-Smith asked that the EDC consider donating a basket to the PSATS convention to bring awareness to everyone about what is available in Monroe County, also requesting that any news items that become available through the EDC be passed on to Ms. Masker for inclusion on the Township website. Ms. Ruiz-Smith also requested that the Township be provided with the maps as were provided by Ridge Properties which show the tenants and locations of the properties for anyone that



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may be interested. Ms. Bisbing stated that the EDC sent a box of their recent publication to the Township to be put out for the public. Mr. Weimer stated that there are some infrastructures that we do not have in this area and asked Mr. Leonard if there is anything we can do to draw businesses to the area. M. Fairservice asked Mr. Leonard about the trucks that were parking along Route 611 and asked if they have any locations that would be able to be utilized for truck parking as it will become important with the prospective trucking industry that he spoke of previously. Ms. Ruiz-Smith thanked Mr. Leonard, Ms. Bisbing and Mr. Noonan for attending and providing valuable information to the Board.

2. Other Business

Nothing was heard.

3. Public Input

Nothing was heard

The Work Session ended at 6:50 pm.