

TOWN OF PORTER
Redevelopment Commission Meeting
303 Franklin Street
January 27, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Mike Genger, Jon Granat, Al Raffin, Bruce Snyder, Trevin Fowler and Ron Stone
Also present: Attorney Patrick Lyp and Secretary Karen Spanier.

Re-Organization

Bruce Snyder made the motion to retain Mike Genger as President, Al Raffin as Vice-President and Trevin Fowler as Secretary. Trevin Fowler made the second.

Motion passed. 5-0

Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to approve minutes of the December 30, 2008 meeting as presented was made by Jon Granat; second by Trevin Fowler.

Motion passed 3-0, with Al Raffin and Bruce Snyder voting present.

Consideration of Claim Docket

Bruce Snyder made the motion to approve the January claim docket, with Jon Granat making the second. Motion passed 5-0.

Audience Participation

Town Council President, Michelle Bollinger welcomed Bruce Snyder to the Redevelopment Commission and thanked all the members for their dedication of service.

Reports

None

Old Business

None

New Business

The commission was presented a proposal for Economic Development Consulting Services.

A.J. Monroe and Doug Olsen with SEH (Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc.) gave a presentation of the services his company could provide for the Town of Porter. Mr. Monroe stressed it is the right time to move some issues in Porter's comprehensive plan forward, focusing on development along U.S. 20 and 49. He also stated his firm could secure funding and grants for Porter similar to the \$150,000 that they secured for Burns Harbor last year through the Lake Michigan Coastal Program and the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority.

Mr. Snyder asked how SEH would develop Porter's gateways. Monroe suggested doing a corridor study of U.S. 20 possibly extending to IN 49. This matter will be placed on next month's agenda for discussion.

Mr. Fowler questioned the 'shall not exceed' verbiage of the contract and asked how SEH would be billing the Town. Mr. Raffin and Mr. Fowler affirmed an hourly rate needed to be included in the contract.

Bruce Snyder made the motion to accept the proposal for consulting services from SEH, subject to Attorney review.

Trevin Fowler made the second.

Motion passed. 5-0

Mr. Raffin made the motion to adjourn.

Mr. Granat seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45.

Mike Genger, President

Albert Raffin, Vice-President

Jon Granat

Trevin Fowler

Bruce Snyder

Attest: _____
Karen Spanier, Secretary

