

Town of Presque Isle EDC Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.

Location: Community Room

(Approved)

A quorum of the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Presque Isle may be present at a meeting of the EDC committee. No deliberation will occur and no action will be taken by the Town Board at this meeting.

- I. Call to order-The meeting was called to order by Bonnie Byrnes, President @ 4:30 p.m. Committee members present: Bonnie, Brenda Dyre, Mark Billhymer, Gary Owens, Jeanne Klingenmeyer, and Chris Wolter for quorum.
- II. Recognition of Guests: Carl Wolter (Town Board Supervisor and EDC liaison); John Maclean, Town Board Chairman; Cathy Logan-Weber, Town Board Supervisor; Paul Specht (Broad band committee member) and Dave Bogan (Broad band committee member), Ben Zaleski, Patrick Eesley, Terry Owens, Kathy Sprister, Peggy Johnson-Wiessner, Barb Peck, Cortland Peck, Christina Peck, Jesse Peck, Steve Dimig, Kim Prott, PI Chamber-Executive Director, Rich Schmalzer, Winter Waukau, Leon Waukau, Colleen Gorrilla, Larry Gorrilla, Anthony Breede, Cris Luetzow, Brian Luetzow, and Paul Mueller.
- III. Agenda: Motion made by Mark and seconded by Brenda to approve the agenda. All ayes.
- IV. Approval of Dec. 15, 2021 Minutes. Motion made to approve minutes by Gary and seconded by Jeanne. All ayes.
- V. Chair Remarks: Bonnie reported to the group and audience what the 3 primary goals of the EDC are: 1. Signage, 2. Broad band, 3. Main Street issues.
- VI. Finance Report: Brenda reported that the EDC has \$3998.49 in their budget (line item). Brenda does not believe the cost of the Broad band town-wide mailing (approx. \$900.00) was incurred yet.
- VII. New Business: None currently
- VIII. Old Business:
 - A. Broad Band-
 1. Bonnie gave the audience an update of the history of the work the EDC and Broad band committee has been working on and the genesis of the Broad band project. Chris gave a brief update of what the broad band committee has been currently working on and introduced the Broad band committee members, Paul Specht and Dave Bogan.
 2. Dave gave a slide presentation on the current Broad band situation, which included a comparison of "estimated" costs to the town and to the

taxpayers for a Charter/Spectrum, Lumen/Centurylink, or a Starlink Satellite solution.

3. A lengthy discussion ensued with the audience and the Broad band presenters about various questions/concerns the group had about the Broad band project.
4. The Broad band committee is on the edge of choosing a possible internet provider and needs support for this important project from the town and the taxpayers as they get ready to assist the Internet Service Provider in writing for available grant monies.
5. There will be additional taxpayer meetings in the future as well as a Town Board special meeting for possible approval of the Broad band project.

B. Signage Updates: None at this time due to length of Broad band discussion.

C. Main Street Overview: Chairman, Bonnie, commented on what a nice job the businesses and the town crew did to make Presque Isle look festive during the Christmas season.

IX. Public Comment: None (see above A. 3).

X. Adjournment: Next meeting date set for Wednesday, February 16, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Community Room. The 3rd Wed @ 4:30 p.m. is the new time for future EDC meetings. Motion made by Mark and seconded by Brenda to adjourn the meeting @ 6:05 p.m. All ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine A. Wolter, Secretary