

**BOROUGH OF BERLIN ECONOMIC RE-DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**Call to Order:**

**Flag Salute:**

**Roll Call:**

Councilman Nick Maccaroni	Present
Kevin McHugh	Present
Rick Miller	Present
Bob Suchowierski	Absent
James Knight	Absent
Councilman Jim Bilella	Present
Chairman Drew Straub	Present
Nick Guerere	Present
Carl Canfield Jr.	Present
Roger Strong	Absent

**MINUTES:**

**Minutes from March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

A motion to approve the minutes from March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 was made by Nick Guerere, and seconded by Kevin McHugh. Those eligible to vote all voted aye.

**DISCUSSION:**

Kevin McHugh had a discussion with his niece that works for Subaru. She explained that the move is happening, they definitely need to expand, the current site is too small. Kevin stated we should take a sophisticated approach and have a plan. Jim Bilella suggested maybe send a letter to peak their interest, then with a site or a plan in mind, meet with them. Councilman Maccaroni stated there is the developer that has the site across from Kmart, ( Redgo Developers). We need to determine if Subaru owns their building, or if they are interested in leasing space. Kevin mentioned the business is growing from 400-500 employees, to 900 employees. They also have an operation center in Pennsauken. The existing building is 115,000 square feet, and they need to double in size. Drew mentioned having a sub-committee formed with 3 members to work on it. Kevin McHugh, Rick Miller, and Drew Straub will be on the committee. With the letter we will list incentives to coming to Berlin, and try to peak their attention.

Nick Guerere reported that he did not attend the Chamber meeting that he was scheduled for. Drew passed around a new letter with new dates to choose from.

Drew reported on the Rotary Club meeting. He informed them that we are working on getting the Mercantile list up on the Borough web site. Someone brought up at the Rotary Meeting that there are certain businesses that don't need a Mercantile license because they carry a State license. We would not have a list of those businesses. Drew will meet with Jim Knight to get onto the speaker circuit, to get some contacts.

There was discussion regarding the new sewer lines going in. There will be availability for some smaller connections in June, and we will be in full operation by the end of the summer.

Councilman Maccaroni addressed the results of Armstrong Capital and the recent local court hearing. They have 75 days to comply with their order to restore the sprinkler system to the building. They are filing a tax appeal, but the property is up for sale for \$6 million. Drew mentioned contacting Virtua about utilizing the property for educational purposes. We need businesses that attract other businesses.

There was discussion regarding the monitoring and updating of the Borough web page. Carl Canfield will handle getting all information to Charleen to update the Economic Redevelopment portion of the web page.

Councilman Maccaroni stated that the banner signs are done, and he needs to get together with Jim Knight regarding getting the signs hung.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Rick Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kevin McHugh seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Simone

Cc: Charleen Santora, RMC, Business Administrator

