

**Town of Harwinton**  
**Economic Development Commission**  
**Minutes: Tuesday, February 17, 2015**

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. Commissioners present: Steve Criss, John DiCarlo, Kevin Moran, Terri Ruot and Jon Sederquist
2. On motion that was seconded, the meeting agenda was unanimously voted approved
3. On motion that was seconded, the minutes of the January 13, 2015 meeting were voted approved
4. Commissioner DiCarlo relayed comments from Chair Tom Schoenemann, who was out of state, regarding the requested Commission budget of \$511.50 for FY 2016. On a motion that was seconded, Commissioners voted to support the requested amount and that regarding any printing done on behalf of the Commission, a bid from local printer Murphy Boys be sought to ensure a Harwinton-based business is given the opportunity to bid on the job.

The Commission discussed feedback Commissioner Schoenemann received regarding from the town's Outstanding Citizen Award Committee regarding the proposal that a joint program be held to include an Outstanding Business of the Year award. Mr. DiCarlo said Mr. S, who serves on the award committee was told that concerns of event time and focus were expressed and the committee will not entertain hosting a joint event at this time.

Mr. DiCarlo proposed that the EDC return to a prior suggestion that the Commission draft a news release seeking nominations from the public. Once a nominee is chosen, the award would be commemorated with a photo opportunity for local media and a plaque for the awardee. Mr. DiCarlo volunteered to draft a news release for review at the next commission meeting.

Commissioners discussed the draft tax incentive ordinance that will be presented to electors at the February 24 Town Meeting, as well as issues that may be raised by the public. Mr. DiCarlo volunteered to seek clarification from Town Attorney Michael Rybak regarding whether the ordinance could only be applied to existing buildings and what criteria would be used by other commissions in determining whether an application for a proposal before them was worthy of the incentive and share that feedback with commissioners.

5. Old Business: Mr. Criss said he has been working on refining a draft Town Brochure and will share his revisions at the next Commission meeting.

6. There was no new business

7. There were no member of the public present for public participation.

8. On a motion duly seconded, the commission unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:13 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by John DiCarlo, Vice Chairman*

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