

VILLAGE OF DOWNS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
7:00 PM  
August 20, 2013

Village Hall  
211 S. Seminary St,  
PO Box 18  
Downs, IL 61736

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1. Call to Order - Mayor James called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm
2. Roll Call - Dave Mouser, Paul Messamore, Marla Brotherton, Barb Gilhaus, Fred Myers, Paul Myszka, Mike James, Curt Simonson were present
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda order - Mike James added Land Use Plan as a Discussion item C.
5. Discussion
  - a. Committee purpose and vision
    - i. Mike Covered what he felt the committee purpose was and asked for other thoughts. Paul Messamore suggested that we do introductions first.
    - ii. Introductions
      1. Paul M introduced himself and his background - Property management background
      2. Dave Mouser - School representative, protect resident and school interest
      3. Paul Myszka - Building Trustee and board representative
      4. Fred Myers - 1985 resident, Village Board member in 1995/96, retiring soon and is a painting contractor
      5. Marla Brotherton - 17 yr resident, park committee member, Business focus committee
      6. Curt Simonsen - TV Superintendent, here to answer school question
      7. Barb Gilhaus - 11 yrs, Zoning Committee
    - iii. Marla - think of Downs, equates Downs to the school, not a lot business'
      1. Other towns have a committee?
      2. Asked if Mike could reach out and get their feedback
    - iv. School is great, but we need to have something else. Especially since we have a sewer system
    - v. Discussion was held regarding Commercial, TIF, available land, Residential, Annexation
    - vi. Discussion was held regarding the need for water at Downs Crossing and what we feel will help us from commercial, etc.
    - vii. Discussion was held regarding what it means to the school for TIF expansion or if new TIFs are created. There needs to be a balance.
  - b. TIF Project Application Process - Mike J asked the committee to consider being a part of this process.
  - c. Land Use Plan (Chapter18) - Mike J asked the committee to consider review of this and determine direction. This is old. Passed/created in 1993 and a lot has changed since then.
6. New Business
  - a. Motion to appoint Chairperson: Paul Messamore - Fred/Dave M - Motion carried
  - b. Motion to appoint Clerk: Marla Brotherton - Marla/Dave M - Motion carried
  - c. Motion to set regular meeting times and dates: 3rd Tuesday of the Month, 7 pm at the Village Hall - Marla/ Fred - Motion carried
7. Old Business - None
8. Adjournment at 8:30 pm - Dave M/Marla - Motion carried