

VILLAGE OF DOWNS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
7:00 PM
October 15, 2013

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

1. Call to Order was completed at 7 PM.
2. Roll Call- Chairperson Paul Messamore, Barb Gilhaus, Fred Myers, Marla Brotherton were in attendance with Paul Myszka, Trustee, and Mike James, Mayor. Julie Hahn and Charlie Moore were guests.
3. Pledge of Allegiance occurred.
4. Discussion proceeded on long range goals and planning.
 - a. Committee Goals
 - b. Have a marketing packet on Downs, leverage other village – Paul will contact Leroy for templates, Paul May have access to a separate business plan.
 - c. Marla will work on the draft of a business plan
 - d. Develop strategic residential plan
 - e. Develop commercial plan
 - f. Revise land use plan
 - g. Dot website shows traffic count reporting was reviewed.
 - h. Infrastructure status and plans would be a plus.
 - i. Paul will contact the TIF attorney for more information, Economic Development Councils' another contact for preliminary information. The I ML may also be a resource.
 - j. Downs history
 - k. Current residential view
 - l. Barb will research business grants that would be applicable for the Marketing Packet
 - m. We will look for a Town Meeting to gain input on the plan.
 - n. Everyone should review the Land Use Plan to begin the revision process.
 - o. Charlie Moore shared sources to leverage for contributing to the business plan.
 - p. We may consider assisted living and senior living areas.
5. Barb/Marla motioned for approving the August and September 2013 meeting minutes.
6. Barb motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm. Marla seconded.