



VILLAGE OF DOWNS
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

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

October 4, 2017
6:00 pm @ Village Hall

1. Call to Order at 6:09 pm
2. Roll Call
 - a. Fred Myers, 32 yrs
 - b. Toby Twyford, 40+ yrs, Village Trustee
 - c. Tony Soper, CPA, Accounting Office in Village,
 - d. Steve Hancock, CBEC, VP of Electric Dist
 - e. Dave Silver, TV Area, Rantoul City Planner, 2012
 - f. Brian Myers, on School board, wife teaches at TV and has 2 kids
 - g. Mike James, Mayor
 - h. Absent but want to be a part: Marla Brotherton
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Discussion
 - a. Finalize direction on downtown parking and sidewalk renovation project
 1. Mayor gave an overview of the RFP and what the idea was. Asked for feedback and help determining the next steps.
 2. Need to decide which groups to give this RFP
 3. Tony was concerned about certain types of planners and gave the example of Normal.
 - b. Review Village of Downs Strategic Plan for growth and development
 1. Need to review and determine if this has changed
 2. David talked about the what and who he has approached to build or franchise into Downs and hasn't gotten a good response.
 - c. Provide the Village Board of Trustees with direction and vision for the community needs and desires
 - d. Other Ideas
 1. Toby talked about the cost of water compared to the quality of the water and other surrounding communities
 1. Have another development going on that we don't supply our water or good water to support that growth
 2. Drill another well – maybe into the Mahomet
 3. Need to upgrade our plant



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4. Need to possibly put up 1 or 2 towers to support that growth
 2. Steve Hancock talked about the REDLG Grant and the upcoming Storm sewer project. Their engineer for that plan want to talk to us about the plan to get water to Downs Crossing
 5. New Business
 - a. Motion to Approve February 18, 2016 Meeting Minutes (Brian / Fred 7-0)
 1. Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 24, 6 pm
 - b. Motion to Approve Committee Members – No Action, Recommendation and approval with go before the Village Board of Trustees
 - c. Motion to Approve _____ as Committee Chairperson – No Action
 - d. Motion to Approve _____ as Committee Clerk – No Action
 6. Old Business - None
 7. Adjournment at 7:42 pm (Steve / Toby 70-0)