

Economic Development and Tourism Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 15th

Municipal Building – Village Board Room

Trustee Christy Bernius called the meeting to order at 5:15pm. In attendance were Village President Rod Randall, Trustees Lamar Miller, Kurt Hall, and Isai Gutierrez. Also in attendance were Kenny Crossman, Richard Harshman and Stephanie Wierman.

New Business

1. Local Tourism Grant request
 - a. Richard Harshman presented the Harvest to Home event for the Illinois Amish Heritage Center, they are requesting \$2,500. The committee discussed going back to Richard with a few questions including if they are receiving funding elsewhere. This request will be tabled until we get further answers.
2. Economic Development Grant request
 - a. Kenny Crossman presented Simply Arthur's request for \$41,000. This included the \$5,000 for cleaning of the Welcome Center. It was recommended to present this to the board for final approval.
3. Discussion
 - a. Christy gave some background on both grants and examples of what we have done in the past, how the village acquires hotel/motel funds, and what was budgeted for the ED Grant.
 - b. Stephanie shared WCIA will not be doing Our Town this year but maybe something different.
 - c. The group discussed some ideas to partner with the Chamber and Simply Arthur for marketing Arthur. Rod shared an idea of potentially partnering with the fair to help with Community day. More discussion to come.
4. Meeting was adjourned at 6:07pm

Christina Bernius