

WESTCHESTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
EDC MEETING MINUTES May 9, 2022

- 1) Call to Order – 7:30 a.m.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call
Present: Ed Lezza, Pastor Joe Mills, Jeannie Helgesen (present via phone w/proper documentation to allow her to participate), Village Representative Robert Morales, Director Community Development Jim Novosel
Absent – Darlene Barber (illness), Osazee Thompson (sent in his resignation)
- 4) Opening Public Participation: Kristen Jacobson from the Westchester Library, and Lee Kaufman from the Ecological Committee. Kristen reported the Library has received a grant from America in Bloom and the Canadian Railway to allow for a Prairie Garden onsite, but must do a community profile (with honest assessments of the positives and negatives in the community). Once this profile is finished, we will receive a copy of the profile. Also Thursday June 16 12:30 p.m. special dedication of the memorial garden at the Library.
- 5) Jim Novosel reported that there is no major information to share at this time
- 6) Active Agenda
 - a) We received the resignation of Osazee Thompson. Motion Lezza, second Helgesen. Motion approved with regret.
 - b) We approved meeting minutes from the April 11, 2022 meeting. Motion Helgesen, second Lezza. Motion approved.
- 7) Old Business
 - a) Business Promotion Event discussed.
Helgesen and Lezza completed their work; Mills in process. Will check if the other districts need to receive the letter/information about the event.
Village Newspaper has the information about the event, and the flier to fill out for the 7 districts, in order to possibly win a TV. Mills/Novosel will meet to secure the TV.
 - b) District Reporting held.
- 8) New Business
 - a) Thru Helgesen to the Library – possible event regarding Reference USA. Library still uses it and can hold an event.
 - b) Thru Helgesen – we need a new member of the Committee – will reach out to persons who expressed previous interest/will also communicate to Chamber of Commerce.
 - c) Thru Novosel – possibility of working with Village to get some free advertising in the newspaper for local businesses to do their own promotional events – will check on this possibility.
- 9) Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Rev. Joe Mills