



Ravenna City Council
Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2023

The public meeting was held in person in Ravenna City Council Chambers.

Council present: Council President Andrew Kluge, Amy Michael, Rob Kairis, Paul Moskun, Cheryl Wood, Christina West, Matt Harper

Also attending the meeting: Mayor Seman; Finance Director, Brian Huff; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor; Cliff Soudil, Larry Silenius, Darlenee Young, Melissa Morris, Melynda Rhodes, Claire Moore, Dave McIntire, Robert Rhodes, Sherri Kotouc, Ralph Morehead, Destiney Hayes-Knife, Mike Bogo, Jason and Mrs. Bates, Amber Stepic, Diane Smith

The Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:51 P.M. by Chairperson, Cheryl Wood.

The first item was the City of Ravenna-Rootstown Township JEDD Agreement.

Ms. Wood stated that Mayor Seman and Economic Development Director, Dennis West, have been working on a JEDD agreement with Mike Bogo, from Neighborhood Development Services, and Rootstown Township Trustee, David McIntire. She said that the JEDD map will be sent out and that she is excited for the forward movement.

Mr. Huff stated that the money earned will be split between the JEDD fund, Ravenna Township and the City of Ravenna.

Mr. Kairis inquired about infrastructure and stated that if it is needed then the City would step in to provide it.

Mr. McIntire stated that sewer exists within the JEDD but that the funds received will go to the JEDD board for infrastructure purposes where necessary.

Ms. Michael stated that she is glad to see headway on the collaboration and the growth it will bring.

Mayor Seman stated that he is looking forward to the JEDD and that a public hearing will be set for August 21st.

Mr. Bogo added that parcels are included in the JEDD map.

- The item was forwarded.

The second item was to appropriate \$7,500 for the JEDD startup.

Ms. Wood stated that the item is to appropriate \$7,500 for JEDD startup funds, which includes legal fees.

- The item was forwarded.

The third item was to approve the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grant for 214 W. Main St. Ms. Wood stated that the item is to repair the exterior of Guido's wall and the funds will be used out of the façade RLF in the sum of approximately \$170,000.

Mr. Bogo stated that the cost will include repairing the brick to make the wall flush, along with the roof and corners of the building. He stated that the wall will need to be finished before the park project can begin and he does not foresee the park opening this summer. Mr. Bogo stated that Council will have to decide if it wants to move forward with the patio expansion before the brick work is done, and that there are two proposals for the brick work that Guido's will be choosing from.

- The item was forwarded.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

**Cheryl Wood, Chairperson
Community & Economic Development**