

TOWN OF TAZEWELL I/EDA

MEETING

February 3, 2025

Present: Cara Spivey, Glen Keen, Susan Whittaker, Alicia Bales, Justin Takach, Tammy Smith, Leeanne Regan, Will Hunter

Absent: Brad Pyott

Meeting Called to Order By: Cara Spivey at 4:36 P.M.

Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes for January: Glen Keen

Second Motion: Susan Whittaker

All in favor: Aye

EBAG: Erin Keene presented an EBAG Application for Bee’Noodled. She discussed how her business has increased; they can now do private parties and they spent a little under \$10,000.00 for renovations.

Glen: Asked if she had ever received the EBAG Grant. Erin answered No.

Cara: What exactly belongs to you in the building? Erin answered everything but the sink, range hood and coolers that are under the bar.

Leeanne: Have you received a furniture and fixtures tax ticket? If there is no tax tickets, there’s nothing to rebate. She is checking to see if there has been any. She does have furniture and fixtures and it needs to be paid. But we can use this and if there is an increase, we can do the difference.

Glen: He discussed the meals tax; he has talked with Mandy Artrip and she said that we can put this on any form we choose for it to be on.

Cara: Feels like Erin will qualify for the EBAG Grant as a qualifying existing business. Code 10-106. The incentive will be 80, 60, 40 respectively for three years. We will be checking on what we can actually do with the EBAG Grant. She explains to Erin what she has to do in order to qualify and be able to receive the grant and rebate.

Justin: We will look at your baseline year, which will be 2024.

Cara: We will ask Brad about our next steps and how to carry this out.

Justin: Do we have to follow what it says? Where do we draw the line?

Leeanne: I think it will be better for her to apply as an existing business.

Glen: He is in favor of moving forward with the application for Bee’Noodled. Furniture, equipment and meals tax as an existing business due to her improvements to patio and bar are. This will be a Four-Year Agreement.

Cara: Made the Motion: After discussing with Brad, our motion would be to grant Erin Keene of Bee’Noodled a Four Year EBAG Agreement. Since she is an existing business, the baseline would be 2024 and we are able to offer her a rebate on her furniture, equipment tax and a rebate of meals tax based upon the three part time positions added and then the work she has already done to her bar area and her patio.

Glen: Second the Motion

All in Favor: Aye

Ongoing Projects Update: The Marinus Family.

Cara: She received an email on January 17, 2025 from Brad about Donny Pruitt and Jim Ruble having a meeting to discuss the property lines, corners and sewer lines regarding the Marinus Family request.

Susan: It may have been the other day, there were like 10 people there and they were all doing something, she doesn’t know what, but they were doing something.

Cara: So, it sounds like this has happened and we will know more about the corners of the lot next month at our meeting. Any questions about this discussion? Moving on; Leeanne, is there anything with the Ramey Lot? Anything from the Public Works perspective?

Leeanne: Jim Ruble has given the plats to Brad. There’s a little L piece of property that belongs to the Ramey’s. The town will be buying part of it and the Whitt’s that live next to it will be buying the rest of the land. I do not know if anything has happened yet with that part.

Farmer’s Market Update: Leeanne went to Richmond last week, January 28th – 30th. She made a brochure about what is going on in our town. There is a lot of grant money allocated for outside recreation. She discussed her meetings in Richmond and possibly a meeting with Thompson and Litton on Thursday, February 6 at 10:00 a.m. She feels we have a really good shot at getting the Farmer’s Market done.

Cara: We have the application in process for the Tobacco Grant. We can only ask for so much due to the fact that it can only be an amount that we can match.

Leeanne: If we apply for the Tobacco Grant in February, it is awarded in May.

Tammy: Are there other grants we can apply for?

Cara: Yes, the Tobacco Grant is the first one we apply for to begin the year. The Block Grant (Kelly), for North Tazewell will be the next one we apply for.

Leeanne: CBBG Grant is another one as well.

Glen: Have we looked into the Farmer’s Market Grants?

Cara: We have asked for Letters of Support.

Miscellaneous: Scott Cole – he has not answered our letter of invitation as of yet. We would like to give Scott one more try and if no answer by March, move onto the next person.

Leeanne: Would anyone be interested in doing a “Shark Tank” competition to pitch businesses for the North Tazewell Revitalization Project?

Glen: We will put on the agenda for next meeting “Shark Tank.” The bat house is just a shell, so it can only go up from there. IDEA, there is a restaurant on Main Street that is empty, we could inquire about this building and maybe do a Tavern on the Green’s similar to the one in New York.

Cara: There has been an idea introduced about doing a spa at the “Green Space.”

Justin: First of all, “the Green Spaces” need to be put into one plat before anything is done in this area.

Will Hunter: The land that IEDA has in Gratton has a gate across the access road.

Leeanne: Sharon Thomas wanted to come and sign their agreement. They have to stay in business for 9 years in order to qualify.

Glen: Motion to Adjourn

Justin: Second the Motion

All Aye

Next meeting: Monday, March 3, 2025