

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
APRIL 1, 2009

In attendance were Committee members John Kevern, Joe Lawless, Mike Olmstead; Mayor Nelson Evans; John Alexander, City Administrator and Rick Thielen, Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Administrator.

Committee Chairman John Kevern called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Perrysburg Main Street Inc. Grant Application

Christine Best, President of Main Street Inc., requested permission to apply for a Tier 1 Ohio Development Grant for \$15,000 to help with development of downtown Perrysburg. Ms. Best stated that she would be hiring a grant writer to complete the application process and the City would be responsible for signing the application once completed. If the grant application is accepted through the State of Ohio the funds will be sent to the City and passed through to Main Street Inc. Mr. Lawless questioned whether or not the funds, once received, would be dispersed once certain goals were met by Main Street, Inc. and Mr. Thielen stated that once funds are received the entire amount will be given to the group, but that Tier 1 means the funds would be used for planning purposes. Tier 2 and 3 grants would be for a higher amount and are called brick and mortar grants because these grants would be for actual construction/development. Ms. Best also stated that Main Street, Inc. needed to have \$15,000 in matching funds of which 40% could be "in kind." So far they have \$5,000 cash from Owen-Illinois and \$6,000 of in kind contributions from Welch Publishing. She expects to cover the balance with already pledged contributions. She would like to have the application submitted within the next two weeks.

The Committee voted 3-0 to recommend approval of applying for a \$15,000 Ohio Development Grant for Main Street, Inc. planning purposes to City Council at the April 7, 2009 meeting.

2. Perrysburg Historic Museum Donation Request

Judith Justus, President of The Perrysburg Area Historic Museum (PAHM), updated the Committee members on the purchase of the Spafford House located at 27338 West River Road for the purpose of creating a community museum. The purchase price is \$130,000 for two adjacent lots and the house located on these lots. The group has a donor who will donate \$134,000 towards the purchase price if the closing takes place by July 31, 2009. The PAHM is requesting a \$10,000 donation from the City to put towards renovation costs for the Spafford House. Mr. Lawless stated that he would like to wait to give the money closer to the closing date in case the private donation would fall through. Mayor Evans stated that the funds would come from the Municipal Development account and that

they could be these funds towards the closing costs. The Committee asked that Ms. Justus return to the April 7, 2009 City Council meeting to answer any questions the Council members might have.

The Committee voted 3-0 to recommend approval of a \$10,000 donation to The Perrysburg Area Historic Museum to City Council at the April 7, 2009 meeting.

3. Economic Development Reception

Mr. Thielen sent out an invitation list to Council members and received comments which were incorporated into the amended list. Save-the-date cards will be sent out on Thursday or Friday of this week. The cards were printed in-house saving expenses.

4. Other Business

No other business.

There being no further business, Mr. Kevern adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

The next Economic Development meeting will be May 6, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.