

**Bellaire Village Council Public Hearing
Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2014**

1. **Call to Order:** President Schulz called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and read the public hearing notice. The purpose being to discuss the pending application to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation for funding under the Community Development Block Grant Program.
2. **Roll Call Attendance:**
 - Present:** Officers David Schulz, Trish Drollinger, Butch Dewey, Dan Bennett & Eldon McPherson & Laura Sexton.
 - Absent:** Helen Schuckel
 - Staff Present:** Cathy Odom, Treasurer; Lori Lockett, Clerk & Brad Rowe, Chief of Police.
 - Also Present:** Jan Kellogg, Scott Newman-Bale, Don Seman, John Tarrant & Linda Gallagher.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.
 - Motion by Sexton, seconded by McPherson, to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**
4. **Conflict of Interest:** None presented.
5. **Public Hearing:** A public hearing to discuss the pending application to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation for funding under the Community Development Block Grant Program.
 - a) **Open Public Hearing:** The public hearing was opened.
 - Motion by Dewey, seconded by Bennett, to open the public hearing.
Motion carried by voice vote.**
 - b) **Public Comment Period:**
 - Jan Kellogg from the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA) explained that the purpose of the grant is to provide partial funding for the expansion of Short's Brewing Company. She explained the grant application and process. She said federal funds are given to the State and the State decides where to use them. This particular grant exists to support downtowns, renovate older buildings and create jobs through private enterprise. A municipality must apply for the grant and a public hearing must be held before the application can be approved.
 - Mr. Newman-Bale from Short's Brewing Company explained the scope of the project. Short's wants to bring the Tiffany building back to its historical standing. The pharmacy will move into part of it when complete. The current location of the pharmacy will become an extension to the original Short's Brewing Company's current location. Short's intends to expand their kitchen area, add about 50 more seats and create 18 jobs.
 - John Tarrant wanted to know if the brewing capacity would be increased and it was noted that it would not.
 - c) **Closing of Public Comment Period:** The public comment period was closed.
 - Motion by Bennett, seconded by Schulz, to close the public comment period. Motion carried by voice vote.**
 - d) **Deliberation:** President Schulz informed the board that the only thing he has heard concerns about is available parking and he stated that the County amended their ordinance to allow the use of their parking lots in the evening hours. No further deliberation took place and the following motion was made:

Motion by Sexton, seconded by Bennett, to present the application at the Council meeting and to move forward with the grant application. Motion carried by voice vote.

6. Closing Member/Public Comment:

- Trustee Dewey stated he was glad to see the restoration of the front of the buildings.
- Mr. Newman-Bale thanked the Council for allowing them to proceed.
- Brad Rowe asked the time frame of the project and it was noted they hope to be complete by Memorial Weekend.
- David Schulz informed those in attendance that the financial exposure to the Village is being taken care of through an agreement between the two entities.

7. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Cathy Odom, Deputy Clerk

Minutes subject to approval

Approved: _____

Date: _____