

New Baden Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 3, 2009
8:00 p.m., American Legion Home

Chamber of Commerce meeting called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Vice-President Scott Meinhardt in the absence of President Larry Wankel. Fourteen members were present.

Minute Approval: All present voting aye to approve minutes from July 1, 2009.

Treasurer's Report: All present voting aye to approve the Treasurer's report.

New Baden Directory: August 12, 2009 is the set distribution date

Property Purchase: Insurance will be purchased from Schmale for \$255.00. Treasurer Loepker has check signed; will be turned over to Village. Discussion on sign; just waiting on lettering. Discussion on weed maintenance at property; Scott will contact Brian Engelmann who is planting on the property.

Brent Rakers Request: 2nd reading of the motion regarding contributing \$1000.00 to Brent Rakers and his trip to Italy for the World Cup of Arm Wrestling. Question on what the money is for; will help cover his expenses. If the Chamber cannot take care of those who help out, who can it help. Motion made by Wanda Gildig; seconded by Dave Brandmeyer to approve \$1000.00 for Brent Rakers; vote: all aye, with one nay vote.

Boy Scouts: Discussion on payment to be given to Boy Scouts. The Scouts were to receive \$200.00 for their help with the Spring Clean-up. The Scouts did 2 nights of clean-up at the Jamboree (picking up cans and cleaning up tables and pavilion). Scott Meinhardt made the amended motion of \$400.00 total be given for work at the Jamboree; seconded by Brent Rakers; all present voting aye; motion passed.

Spring Clean-up Issues: Scott Meinhardt briefly talked to Jim Osborne about issues using his property.

Park Restroom: Discussion on ventilation issues at the newest restroom. Dave Brandmeyer (Village President) stated that repairing the restroom would be a Village repair; Chamber should use their money as intended. Jerry Green can get some additional pricing from other vendors. Wanda Gildig brought up the placement of an additional restroom. Dave Brandmeyer stated that the Village has Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds available; it would be looked into.

Insurance Committee: Scott Meinhardt brought up a concern of Larry Wankel; he would like an insurance committee formed to review the current policy and find a policy that will best suit all of the Chamber's needs. A chairperson needs to be found; Wanda will be on committee.

Plaque for Time Capsule from Sesquicentennial: Discussion on what to place as a marker. Brent Rakers stated Lager Monuments has a piece of granite at an inexpensive price; wording just needs to be determined. Dave Brandmeyer stated that the Village Board of Trustees should decide what is appropriate before anything is done.

Beer Concessions – Consolidation: Tabled.

Parking Cone Purchase: Mike Riley says no additional orange parking cones are required at this time.

Tent/Canopy Purchase: Scott Meinhardt reported pricing from Harbor Freight on additional tent/canopies. Will be discussed further at next meeting.

Christian HomeCare Services, Inc.: Discussion on amount to provide to Christian HomeCare Services annual fund raiser; All Things Chocolate (ATC) to be held at Hidden Lakes Winery. First a Motion was made by Gordon Hoerchler to donate \$1,000.00 and be the exclusive sponsor (this requires 2 readings because of the dollar amount); he then rescinded. Two motions were then placed on the floor. Mary Kues motioned to donate \$200.00 which is a full page ad in the auction booklet at ATC; seconded by Roger Gildig; five aye, nays none. Gordon Hoerchler motioned that he will try to make sure that the Chamber is guaranteed the key sponsorship, which includes additional advertisement at the event; seconded by Jerry Green; six aye, nays none. Second reading will be done at the September 2, 2009 meeting.

Park Concession Stand: This is a combined project between the Chamber of Commerce and Bob Oster of the American Legion Ball Team. After much discussion, Dave Brandmeyer stated that if a restroom is installed, this can be paid for by the Village of New Baden. He will contact the New Baden Park and Recreation Board for discussion; with their recommendations forwarded to the Village Board. Gordon Hoerchler made a motion to approve up to \$2,500.00 towards the concession stand; seconded by Wanda Gildig; all aye.

Light Poles in Park: Bob Oster has received 4 racks of lights with 4 fixtures on each for usage at the Park. Ideal location would be in the tractor/truck pull area. Scott Meinhardt will be the committee to look into the costs associated with the installation of these lights.

Dave Brandmeyer, Village President: Mayor Dave Brandmeyer wanted to make the Chamber aware of planned economic development in New Baden. This includes pursuing a TIF District at the I-64 Corridor. He will attend the next meeting to give more information.

Chili Cook-off: Chili Cook-off will be on October 24, 2009. Jill has the paperwork for the liquor license application. Chairpersons are needed: beer, gaming, soda, food, entries, touch a truck, advertising, kid's activities, bon fire, decorations, judging and counting. Entries are needed.

Chamber Trailer: Discussion on placement at Roger and Wanda Gildig's home. Currently pay \$600.00 a year for rental of the space.

Michelle Steinkamp is a new Chamber member; she has opened Techknow Solutions in the Brandmeyer Law Office building.

Pederson HVAC was the cash drawing winner. Not in attendance.

A motion was made by Mary Kues, seconded by Brent Rakers to adjourn the meeting. All present voting aye, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Teri L Crane, Secretary