

Village of Gilberts
Economic Development Meeting
87 Galligan Road
Gilberts, Illinois 60136
October 11, 2011

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order

President Zirk called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Roll Call / Establish a Quorum

Roll call: Members Present: Trustees Corbett, Mierisch, Farrell, Hacker, and President Zirk. Absent: Trustees Clark and Zambetti. Others Present: Administrator Keller and Assistant to the Administrator Beith. For members of the audience please see attached list.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Farrell and seconded by Trustee Corbett to approve the Economic Development Committee Minutes from September 13, 2011. Vote: 4 ayes by unanimous voice vote (Trustees Corbett, Mierisch, Farrell, and Hacker). 0 nays. 0 abstained. Motion carried.

Public Comment

There weren't any comments from the audience.

Presentation

Scott Bowles, President of Spectrum Engineering Corporation, was introduced. He went through the agenda of his presentation. Then he proceeded to give an introduction about the company and broadband. During the presentation, Mr. Bowles went on to discuss the equipment used, fiber vs. traditional broadband, and the benefits to Gilberts.

One of the benefits the Village may receive would be economic development. A fiber optic link could retain or attract businesses. The quality of life could be improved (education). Broadband may improve utility operations. And the cost of services may decrease due to competition. Mr. Bowles has seen a decrease of 15-20%.

There is a 3 step process in the broadband process. First the public interest should be determined, at a cost of \$1,660. The data will be collected and analyzed in this step. Resident Sharon Glasshof inquired whether some surrounding communities used Spectrum Engineering Corporation. Mr. Bowles informed her that Highland, IL has.

The second step would be to determine the general feasibility, at a cost of \$13,300.

The last step would be to seek a private partner, at a cost of \$11,240. President Zirk stated his concern of using a private partner.

Trustee Zambetti arrived at 6:48 pm.

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Trustee Clark arrived at 6:51 pm.

President Zirk stated that he would like to see what other communities have implemented broadband and what their experiences have been.

With no further business to discuss, **a motion was made by Trustee Farrell and seconded by Trustee Mierisch to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm.** Vote: 6 ayes by unanimous voice vote (Trustees Corbett, Clark, Mierisch, Zambetti, Farrell, and Hacker). 0 nays. 0 abstained. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Danca