

Westside Association Meeting Minutes – Sept 3rd-2015
Meeting called to order by President Connie Drexler @12:00
Approval August 2015- minutes (moved/2nd/passed)

Treasurer's Report:

- Dues deposited: \$75.00
- Checks disbursed:
 - Robbins – lunch drawing - \$11.00
 - Hawthorne Suites – room for Linked in Presenter \$91.89
 - US Post office – seminar mailing postage \$287.00
 - New North B2B – Ad for seminar \$375.00

Total disbursements \$764.89

2015 Approved Donations:

- Junior Achievement -\$250 paid 2/5/15
- Celebration of Lights - \$250 pending
- Oshkosh Fine Arts - \$250 paid 3/27/15
- Winnebago Literary Council - \$250 paid 8/13/15
- Holiday Parade - \$250 pending
- Live at Lunch - \$150 paid 5/6/15
- \$600 Unassigned

Total authorized Donations: \$2,000

Chamber Report:

Economic Development Department:

- Taco John's under construction in Universal Business Park
- Marion Road Construction Activity - Rivers 1.5 40 unit Senior Housing will begin construction late September
- Chamber working with microbrewery prospect to open on Oregon Street
- Noodles & Co. now open
- Panera Bread opened Sept 3

Events:

- Business After Hours – Fox River Brewing Co & Taproom – September 9
- AM Oshkosh – Stellar Vision - September 22
- Operation Thank You – October 6
- Annual Meeting – November 2
- Holiday Parade – November 12

Membership Report: no new members

New Business:

- Linked in presentation on October 20 reminder

Guest Speaker: Brian Lipke- Freeway or expressway to go from Oshkosh to Omro and the Interstate conversion project

- Started the project in 2007 – In April 2015 the public was notified of the plans between Oshkosh and Omro. Needed to determine if having a freeway or expressway. There is no exact date set to start the project.
- The goal is to have 55 mile an hour expressway with access restriction in place. There will not be any side roads closed, just may relocate access areas. The west side arterial is still work being worked on. The outcome will be an official map.
- Information is listed on the DOT websites now. There was a public release put out that this will be happening in the future and it will impact the property owners in that area. The DOT will have all the property deeds adjusted.
- News – accidents have decreased going from a 2 lane to a 4 lane with roundabouts. This project will have 2 lane roundabouts. Cost is approximately 30 million to do this project. The money will be TPC money. It may be 15 years before starting project. TPC approval takes about 5 years to get approval.
- I41 project – 175 mile corridor – signs are being replaced and should be all up by November 2015. This is now an Interstate highway. The economic benefits – access and visibility. Job creation opens new markets for hotels and other large businesses. This will create higher commercial property values.
- The Grandfather law took the longest to allow 85,000 lb trucks to be okay to be utilizing the Interstate.
- Thank you to Tom Petri for giving the big push to get this through.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM