

ORDINANCE NO. 653

AN ORDINANCE OFFICIALLY ESTABLISHING THE ST. JOHN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STEERING COMMITTEE, THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE, ITS MEMBERSHIP AND THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF ITS MEMBERS.

WHEREAS, the matter of economic development in the Town of St. John is of major concern to its citizens and to the Town Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana, Department of Commerce requires the establishment of an Economic Development Steering Committee for a town to be qualified as a participant in the Registered Cities and Towns program; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Town of St. John desire to establish an Economic Development Steering Committee and be qualified as a participant in the Registered Cities and Towns program; and

WHEREAS, the inter-relationship between the St. John Economic Development Commission and the St. John Economic Development Steering Committee should be formally established.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Town Trustees of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, as follows:

Section 1: There is hereby established a St. John Economic Development Steering Committee.

Section 2: The general responsibilities of the Committee shall be to guide and assist the Town of St. John in supporting and sustaining existing industrial, commercial and professional institutions in the Town of St. John and to encourage economic growth and development in industrial and commercial areas of the Town which are not fully developed or occupied.

Section 3: The specific responsibilities of the Committee shall be:

1. Recommend to the Economic Development Commission and the Town Trustees the continued participation in the Registered Cities and Towns program.
2. Assume responsibilities, with the Economic Development Commission, for the Registered Cities and Towns program.
3. Gather information for the Registered Cities and Towns program.
4. Serve as hosts for prospective new industries and businesses.
5. Establish specific goals for economic development and a means for measuring against those goals.
6. Study the local economic situation in St. John and Northwest Indiana.

7. Acquire information concerning aid and assistance available from the federal, state, and county governments, and from not-for-profit and private sources.

8. Acquire information concerning federal, state, county and Town of St. John laws and ordinances which have any bearing on economic development.

9. Act as a clearinghouse for suggestions and proposals in the area of economic development.

a. Originate suggestions and proposals.

b. Solicit suggestions and proposals from other sources.

c. Evaluate suggestions and proposals.

10. Initiate such actions as are appropriate, reasonable or necessary to carry out these responsibilities.

11. Communicate with the Economic Development Commission and the Board of Trustees and with other Boards, Commissions and Committees and other town affiliate corporations which have any interest in economic development.

12. Suggest and aid in promoting legislation which will help the economic development effort.

13. Assist the State of Indiana and Department of Commerce in economic development efforts.

14. In conjunction with the Economic Development Commission, prepare for the Town of St. John an annual budget for economic development and consider means of raising revenue to support this budget including but not limited to:

Grants

Not-for-profit corporation assistance, or Private sources.

15. Coordinate and cooperate with the Chamber of Commerce of the Town of St. John in economic development efforts.

16. Maintain permanent records regarding available industrial and commercial facilities.

17. Publish general information on economic development for distribution to prospects.

18. Assist in presentation of shows and exhibitions through which the economic development of St. John can be promoted.

Section 4: The Clerk Treasurer of the Town of St. John is directed to serve the Economic Development Steering Committee by providing administration and staff support, as practical.

Section 5: The Steering Committee will be composed of a maximum of six members. The Steering Committee will elect, from among its members, a Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary. Nominations for appointment to the Steering Committee will be made by the St. John EDC. Appointments to the Steering Committee will be made by the St. John Town Board. The full term for a Steering Committee member will be three years; terms will be staggered. New terms for Steering Committee members will begin on February 1 and expire on January 31 three years later. To assure continuity of representation, the first terms shall be staggered and some shorter. The membership and initial terms shall be as follows:

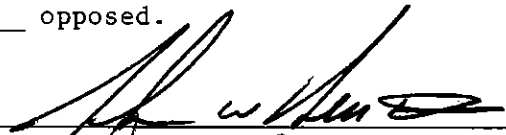
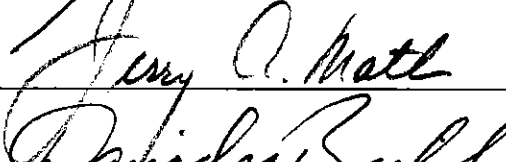
<u>Member</u>	<u>Initial Term Expiring</u>
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2	3 1-31-88
3	2 1-31-87
4	2 1-31-87
5	1 1-31-86
6	1 1-31-86

Section 6: The members shall establish such rules and regulations as they deem reasonable and necessary for the conduct of their affairs.

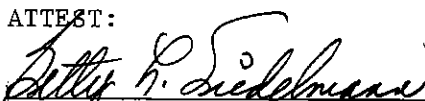
Section 7: The members shall not receive compensation for such service, but shall be reimbursed for authorized reasonable expenses actually incurred or paid, subject to the existence of lawfully budgeted and appropriated funds and compliance with claims procedures.

Section 8: A member herein may serve on the Economic Development Commission, and on any other Board or Commission or in any other capacity with the Town of St. John, Indiana.

ORDAINED and ADOPTED on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1984,  
by a vote of 3 in favor and 0 opposed.

  
  
 BOARD OF TRUSTEES, Town of St. John,  
 Lake County, Indiana

ATTEST:

  
 Clerk-Treasurer